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THE WEATHER: Light Easterly winds, veering to the South or S.E. this afternoon. Overcast and hazy with a risk of local light rain this evening.

NATIONALISTS HIT BACK AT TOUMEN

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Disconcerting Deficiency

THE popular attitude to the complex machinery which strives not only to maintain law and order in Hongkong, but to ensure that justice is done Society through the criminal and civil courts, is largely one of indifference. Wherefore the addresses given by the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General at Monday's opening of the Assizes provide a welcome and pertinent reminder to the public that its interests in the sphere of law enactment are being carefully and industriously protected.

But the limitations imposed on the existing legal machinery were also clearly exposed. Statistics indicate that crime is not notably on the increase, yet the burdens placed on the existing courts charged with dispensing justice are disturbingly severe.

Despite the creation of additional District and Magistrates Courts, there is a continuous "hang-over" of cases involving both civil litigation and criminal proceedings.

The obvious solution is the provision of more courts and the recruitment of more judges and magistrates—but what is obvious seemingly is not easy to accomplish. It is a subject which appears to call for deeper, and perhaps in some quarters, more sympathetic consideration.

Is it that the men possessing the desired qualifications are being discouraged from accepting judicial and magisterial appointments because the inducements are inadequate?

QUICK and effective law enforcement is complementary to and equally as important as preventive operations carried out by the police force.

For the latter the question of under establishment is not even permitted to arise; it is recognised by the community that an insufficiently manned and understaffed police force would be disastrous to the interests and protection of the public.

The attitude to the insufficiency of courts and officers to preside over them appears to be one of almost unconcern.

The figures quoted by the Chief Justice revealing the extent to which our magistrates' and other courts are overworked should be impressive enough for everyone to heed. And if the problem can be resolved by reasonably additional expenditure, proper action in this direction should be no longer delayed.

The public is entitled to what, in this case, can be placed in the category of "essential services," and the community will not begrudge extra payments from the Treasury if this results in a satisfactory solution to what is quite clearly an urgent problem.

Non-stop Raids On Red Invasion Base

SHIPS BOMBARDED

Taipei, Jan. 19.

Nationalist planes overnight and again today bombed and strafed Communist-held Toumen island, in non-stop raids on the base from which Communist forces yesterday invaded Yikiangshan Island.

Nationalist air force sources said that wave after wave of heavy and light Nationalist bombers blasted Toumen Island, two and a half miles north of Yikiangshan, and Communist "fleet concentrations" opposite the tiny island with "a big number" of bombs.

"We are still carrying out our bombing missions in that area," a Nationalist air force spokesman said.

"Preliminary reports we received from bombing missions throughout the night were very good," he added.

Nationalist non-stop bombing attacks blasted the Communists as Nationalist Defence Ministry sources admitted they had given up the island after being outmatched by an "overwhelming invading force."

GALLANTLY RESISTING

But they claimed that guerillas on Yikiangshan were still "gallantly resisting" the invaders.

Nationalist guns, which were installed on Yikiangshan for shelling the Communist island of Toumen, would be destroyed or abandoned by the Nationalists.

Nationalist political observers were of the opinion that the invasion of Yikiangshan was a Communist test of American reaction after the signing of the United States-Formosa mutual defence treaty.

TACHEN 'SAFE'

They said the Chinese Communists might even invade Tachen to establish it as de facto Communist territory before the American Congress ratified the treaty.

Official Nationalist sources here said Tachen had so far not been invaded.

Nationalist Chinese military commanders attended an emergency conference at the Defence Ministry Building until midnight last night discussing counter-measures against the Communist invasion.

A communiqu: issued after the conference said: "since 0700 on January 18 over 100 Communist Shanghai and Ningpo based planes continuously bombed Yikiangshan.

"Over 300 bombs were dropped."

The communique continued: "meanwhile the Communist Eastern China fleet, comprising two newly reinforced Russian aid destroyer escort, four gunboats, five patrol boats, 20 small gunboats and landing craft and over 100 motorised junks, were thrown into the invasion of Yikiangshan.

COURAGEOUS DEFENCE

Though the number of the garrison guerillas was small, they courageously defended the island and resisted the assault, inflicting heavy casualties on the Communists.

"While the Communists were invading Yikiangshan, gunfire on Tachen shot down one TU and one LA 11.

They crashed into the sea near Tachen.

"Garrisons on Yikiangshan damaged two Communist gunboats. One caught fire and later sank and the other was towed towards Haimen, northeast of Tachen.

"In addition, six motorised junks were sunk and crew members were seen leaping into the sea for their lives."—Reuter.

BRITISH REACTION

London, Jan. 18.

Official quarters attached little importance to the Chinese Communists' seizure of the Nationalist-held island of Yikiangshan.

The island is regarded as of no strategic value and therefore unlikely to assist the Communists to win the big prize for Formosa.—Reuter.

DUE TODAY

Lieut.-General, Sir Otto Lund, Commissioner-in-chief of the St John Ambulance Brigade, is due to arrive in Hongkong this afternoon by air from London. He is on a world tour of inspection and has already visited Colombo and Singapore. After Hongkong, he will visit Australia and will then proceed to New Zealand and Canada before returning to London in March.
—Reuterphoto.

WINTER FLOODS RAVAGE EUROPE

And The Weather Highlights:—

Bonn Parliament Inundated
North Scotland 'Like Arctic'

London, Jan. 18.

Rising floodwaters of the Rhine today poured into the Bonn Parliament House and the building of the United States High Commission. All works came to a standstill.

Sea floods swamped the West Italian coast, while overflowing rivers drove hundreds of people from their homes in France.

Other weather highlights from Reuter dispatches were:

GERMANY: The middle Rhine continued to rise all through the day and by early of noon was only three feet off the 'catastrophe level'.

Animals Evacuated

In Beuel, opposite Bonn, the water stood three feet deep in the streets. People, household equipment and animals were evacuated by boat.

Hundreds of cattle have been drowned.

Mannheim Police rescued a three-year-old boy after a 14-hour search. The boy was discovered floating on a mattress in the attic of a house on Friesenheim island in the Rhine.

The boy's mother was working on night shift in a Mannheim factory.

ROME: Firemen and volunteers today piled up protective walls of sandbags at many points of the storm battered Italian west coast between Las Spezia and Leghorn.

Trees Uprooted

Towering waves smashing over the waterfront flooded streets and houses at Marina di Massa and Marina di Pisa, uprooted trees and wrecked hundreds of bathing booths.

THE HAGUE: Holland blanketed with the heaviest snowfall since 1948 expects yet more snow and dangerous roads await 200 Monte Carlo rally teams due tomorrow.

PARIS: The Rhone broke its banks and drove 180 people from their homes in a Lyons suburb today. Most French rivers are rising. Telephone services were cut and trains delayed.

The Seine, still rising, carried uprooted trees through the heart of Paris.

STOCKHOLM: New heavy snowfalls in the southern province of Scania closed schools and buried lorries and vans.

Icebreakers are trying to free 30 ships locked in the ice bound Lake Vaenern near Gotheburg.

Whirlwind Strikes

A whirlwind yesterday damaged 90 per cent of the roofs in Reichenthal, Upper Austria.

COPENHAGEN: Denmark is still largely paralysed by Sunday's snowfall the heaviest in 30 years and more snow has fallen.

OSLO: First Aid stations are coping with many cases of frostbite.

EDINBURGH: Thousands of men, women and children, facing hunger and cold in the snow wastes of Northern Scotland, scanned the sky anxiously today for relief planes.

Snow Still Falling

The Navy and the Air Force joined forces to get food through to communities cut off for almost a week by the heaviest snowfalls in living memory.

Today with snow still falling, helicopters flew non-stop over the Highlands, dropping food and medicine to villages, hamlets and lonely farms.

A Wick town official, helping to organise aid, said "The north of Scotland has become like the Arctic. Nothing like this has ever been known before."—Reuter.

His Unusual Cure For 'Painter's Colic'

London, Jan. 18.

A 35-year-old married man called at houses asking women to stand on his stomach to cure his "Painter's Colic," a Court was told at Odiham, Hants today.

The man, Albert Williams, appeared in court to answer a charge that he "without just or legal cause placed himself on the premises of Phyllis Piddington and conducted himself in a disorderly manner wherefore the complainant prayed that the defendant be required to enter into sureties to keep the peace and be of good behaviour."

Eighteen-year-old Miss Piddington, a pretty London student, told the court that Williams called at a house at which she was staying in nearby Dogmersfield.

She said that Williams told her he was suffering from "Painter's Colic." He said that this meant he should have weights placed on his stomach and usually he had someone to sit or stand on him.

NOT HEAVY ENOUGH

Miss Piddington added that she stood on his stomach for about a minute but was told she was not heavy enough.

She continued: "I said there was a large man next door and I would fetch him.' 'He said a woman would be better so I fetched a woman from next door and we both stood on his stomach.

"After we had stood on his stomach two or three times, he said he felt better and went away."

A Detective said Williams made a statement admitting that he had called on women and asked them to stand on his stomach because he was interested in weight-lifting. He had never suffered from "Painter's Colic."

Williams had also said that he had had a serious accident on a motor bicycle and felt he was not responsible for his actions at the time.

The case was adjourned for four weeks for a medical report on Williams.—Reuter.

Captain Hood Awarded £4,000 In UK Libel Case

London, Jan. 18.

A New Zealand sea Captain whose ship was forcibly seized by Chinese Nationalists near Hongkong, was awarded £4,000 damages with costs by a jury in a libel action today.

The Captain, Mr James Moncrieff Hood, 56, of Nelson, New Zealand, was locked in his cabin under armed guard when members of the crew took control of the freighter, Capella, and handed it over to a Chinese Nationalist warship in 1951.

Captain Hood complained that Reuter's report of the incident published in New Zealand papers and in Lloyd's list, a shipping newspaper, in England had defamed him.

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Quoting the Chinese Nationalist News Agency it had stated the Capella had been falsely cleared from Hongkong for Kobe, Japan, when it was really going to a Communist Chinese port. And it had alleged that he said: "I don't care a damn. What I want is my salary."

The message, he claimed, had affected his chances of getting another command.

Captain Hood gave evidence yesterday.

Cross-examined today by Mr H. Milmo, for Reuters, Captain Hood was asked about a letter he wrote in November 1951 in which he said the only part of the world where he could get work was in the East. He asserted that that was an accurate statement at that time. He was convinced he could not get a steady job in Australia, New Zealand or the United Kingdom.

Mr Milmo said that in actions heard in New Zealand it was conceded what had been said about the Captain was untrue and damages were awarded on that basis. What bar was there after that to Captain Hood obtaining employment in New Zealand?

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Captain Hood replied people felt there was still something he must have been up to which only Reuters knew about.'

He agreed Reuter's were in no way responsible for articles which appeared in newspapers in Hongkong and Singapore. He received between £600 and £650 from a Hongkong newspaper and about £120 from one in Singapore.

Captain Hood said his claim against 12 newspapers he sued in New Zealand totalled £10,750 and he was awarded in all £2,687.

Mr Milmo asked: "you have not got an action up your sleeve against Lloyd's in respect of that, have you?"

Captain Hood said he had not.

Asked if his object in bringing the present action was to collect more damages, Captain Hood replied: "No, the object is to know in my own mind in the years to come that Reuter's have nothing incriminating about me in their archives."

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Hamburg Police In Big Clash With Workers

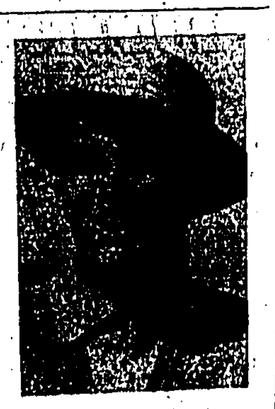
Hamburg, Jan. 18.

Police wielded clubs and turned fire hoses on 8,000 German workers tonight to break up a mammoth demonstration protesting against a right-wing commemoration of the anniversary of the founding of the German empire in 1871.

More than 100 persons were arrested but they were released later.

A clash between trade unionists and 400 policemen broke out when the workers, marching 12 abreast, tried to reach the centre of Hamburg where the meeting was being held.

Police succeeded in blocking the workers' march against the right-wing celebration. Participants in the commemoration ceremony included members of the "Stahlhelm" (steel helmets) Nationalist war veterans' organisation, former paratrooters and members of the neo-Nazi "German Party of the Reich."—France-Presse.



Bing Crosby To Undergo Big Kidney Operation

Hollywood, Jan. 18.

Bing Crosby will undergo a major operation tomorrow for removal of a kidney stone because treatment to eliminate it was unsuccessful.

He will enter the operating room at St John's Hospital in Santa Monica at 7.30 a.m. (1630 GMT) for the 1½-hour operation by Dr Frederick Schlumberger.

The surgeon said today that Mr Crosby was in good condition and, although the operation was considered major, "there is no reason to call it serious."

In Pain

Mr Crosby entered the hospital yesterday morning in pain from the recurrent kidney ailment. He underwent an operation for removal of a kidney stone several years ago, Dr Schlumberger explained, but "about a year ago we first noticed the stone was forming again." He said various forms of treatment were tried to "pass" the stone but "it became too big to be passed so we must operate."

The singer will remain in the hospital for from seven to 10 days and then he will have to recuperate "probably for 30 days at home," the doctor said.—United Press.

No Relaxation Of Embargo Says US Official

Washington, Jan. 18.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, made it clear today that the United States would continue to ban the export of strategic goods to the Communist world but he acknowledged that trade in non-strategic commodities might promote "basic understanding" and contribute to peace.

Mr Wilson was urging Congressional approval of President Eisenhower' foreign economic programme in testimony before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

"We hope to deny, through controls, trade in strategic items to the Communist bloc until it is clear to the free world that through a change in attitude on the part of the Communists that such materials will not be used to build up a powerful military machine for aggression against the free world.

"Trade in carefully screened non-strategic items with the Communist bloc may at some time help to promote some basic understanding that will ultimately contribute to peace in the world."—France-Presse.

New Battle In Costa Rica

San Jose, Jan. 18.

Loyalist and rebel forces clashed in the Santa Rosa area north-west of San Jose late today, with the decisive battle of the Costa Rican revolution believed to be imminent.

Costa Rican Air Force transport pilots returning from the battle zone reported that about 75 rebels well-armed with mortars and weapons carriers ran into about 200 government troops, touching off a pitched battle. Both sides rushed reinforcements to the scene.

Meanwhile, the rebel radio broadcast a claim that additional troops had been landed on both the east and west coasts of the country.—United Press.

RACING CARNIVAL: SECOND DAY

Big Crowd, Fast Track At Valley

Cloudy but mild weather saw the opening of the second day's racing at Happy Valley in the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual meeting today.

A big crowd was present for the first race at noon and by the time the third race was due to begin the stands were almost full.

The track was fast, indicating good times would be returned.

The principal event of the programme — the Ladies Purse — was run off at 1.30 — the race before the tiffin interval.

Here are the results of the first three races together with cash sweep numbers.

Race 1. — Encouragement Handicap: For Ponies Class 9. From the 1½-Mile Post (About Half a Mile 170 Yards).
Roue d'Or, 159 (P. Plumbly) 1
South Pacific, 144 (A. Noodt) 2
Queenpots, 150 (K. Kwok) 3
Won by two lengths; a head.
Time: 1:1.4.
Winner: $20.40.
Places: 1st $5.90; 2nd $7.90; 3rd $5.60.
Also ran: Full Swing, 141 (K. Shih), Red Feather, 159 (S. W. Tang), Susan, 147 (R. Tsai), Yat Kwong, 142 (H. M. Botelho). Seven starters.

Race 2.—Inspiration Handicap: For Ponies Class 9. From the Two-Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).
Gladiolus, 149 (M. Samarcq) 1
Thunder Sky, 142 (V. H. Oliveira) 2
Kerrera, 147 (A. Ostrounoff) 3
Won by Two lengths; a head.
Time: 2:2.2 min.
Winner: $22.50.
Places: 1st $7.80; 2nd $10.50; 3rd $9.50.
Also ran: Bitter Sweet, 150 (K. Botelho), Bright Knight, 142 (Chu Poo), Dashing Beauty, 152 (K. S. Chu), First Lady, 155 (H. K. Chuang), Monetary Fund, 138 (R. Tsai), Symphony, 137 (T. C. Wong), Wild Honey, 145 (K. Kwok). Ten starters.

Race 3.—Northern Handicap: For Ponies Class 7. Six Furlongs.
Honey Dew, 146 (K. Kwok) 1
Flying Dutchman, 147 (R. Tsai) 2
Pearl of Hongkong, 152 (A. Lam) 3
Won by 1 length; 5 lengths. 4
Time: 1:19.2 min.
Winner: $22.60.
Places: 1st $10.80; 2nd $12.10; 3rd $11.40.
Also ran: Blazing, 152 (H. K. Chuang), Bloosom Time, 159 (C. L. Liu), Colin, 159 (M. Samarcq), Gallant Knight, 147 (C. F. Ng), Invincible, 157 (P. Plumbly), Matador, 151 (S. W. Tang), May Bloosom, 155 (H. C. Woo), Strathpeffer, 140 (P. Barthropp), Timber, 135 (C. A. Lee). 12 starters.

CASH SWEEPS

RACE NO. 1

No. 451	$2139
No. 3023	$ 611
No. 1565	$ 306

Unplaced ponies ($100 each)
Nos. 1343, 2276, 34, 769.

RACE NO 2

No. 2986	$2150
No. 2616	$ 616
No. 438	$ 308

Unplaced ponies ($100 each)
Nos. 3376, 1693, 3148, 2562, 1099, 826, 2027.

RACE NO. 3

No. 721	$2248
No. 1790	$ 641
No. 3092	$ 320

Unplaced ponies ($100 each)
Nos. 224, 1927, 3454, 3740, 1472, 529, 665, 2448, 2161.

STOP PRESS

IMPRISONED AIRMEN

U.N. Mission Will Be Successful When 11 Returned

—DULLES' OPINION

Washington, Jan. 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today that the Hammarskjold mission to Peking could only be considered successful when the American airmen imprisoned in China have been returned to the United States.

Mr Dulles told his weekly press conference: "These people were under United Nations command fighting a United Nations war and it is up to the United Nations to get them out. Now, if they fail and cannot get them out, then we will have to deal with the situation ourselves.

The UN Secretary-General is scheduled to visit Washington tomorrow to confer with Mr Dulles and report on his mission to Peking.

Mr Dulles said he wanted to talk with Mr Hammarskjold because "I feel we owe a duty to the families of the prisoners to get all the information we can. I want to get it first hand for my own guidance and to inform the families.

"I will probably be able also to explain to Mr Hammarskjold the problems which we face here in this country in maintaining a position of standing aside to let the United Nations try to work this problem out. I don't think that can go on forever. But as long as there is a reasonable hope in the United Nations' actions we are going to give them a chance to do what they can, and we certainly hope they will succeed."

France-Presse.

NAUTILUS SEA TESTS PERFECT

Groton, Conn., Jan. 18.

Word was flashed from the U.S.S. Nautilus tonight that the performance of the atom-powered submarine on her first day of sea tests was "perfect."

A message from the sub's skipper, Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson, said the ship was "ahead of schedule." He said all phases of the vessel's performance have been "perfect." He asked if the sub should continue surface manoeuvres or proceed with diving. Base authorities told him not to take the ship down.

A naval spokesman said the tests would continue until tomorrow. The Nautilus then will return to its base to be examined and readied for more extensive tests.

INSPECTION

If any defects should show up they will be corrected by the builders of the sub. After all testing is finished a Navy board of inspection and survey puts the ship through her paces. If everything is satisfactory the vessel is then adopted as a ship of the line.

The submarine which was commissioned last September will be able to cruise at unprecedented speeds and distances. A handful of atomic fuel will enable the ship to cruise around the world submerged at a speed of 20 knots.—United Press.

Hook, Line And Sinker

Perth, Jan. 18.

An eight-foot blue whaler shark, a three-foot gummy shark and a large turtle were caught together with one bait by professional fishermen, off Busselton, West Australia.

They reported that the gummy shark took the bait, the blue whaler took the gummy and an "old man" turtle had got his long neck looped round the line on top of the two fish. — China Mail Special.

Miss Krojgaard of Copenhagen, a nurse, has instituted her own peace prize. During the past few years she has spent more than 25,000 D/Kroner (about £1,250) in the cause of peace. Some months ago she instituted a competition for the best solution to the problem "Peace on Earth". The winner of the contest was Mr Hans Koefoed Jespersen (above) a Copenhagen artist, who suggested a Peace Bank—acknowledging that money is the greatest power on earth—and that it can prevent war. He paid his prize of 1,000 Kroner (£50) into the Peace Bank. It is estimated that if every man on earth paid £1 10s. 0d. every year—the capital would be about £3,000,000,000 the first year—after only a few years war would be prevented by controlling the greater part of important industrial stocks. Mr John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, and Sir John Boyd Orr are both said to have commended the idea.—Express Photo.

SHANNON AIR DISASTER

Captain May Have Relaxed, Says Counsel

Dublin, Jan. 18.

The counsel for the Irish Government suggested here today that the Dutch KLM airliner disaster at Shannon Airport last September might have been due to the Captain relaxing after an unnerving take-off.

The counsel, Mr Sean MacBride, summing up at the end of the 28-day inquiry, said he thought it possible the pilot, Commodore Adrian Viruly, could have been unnerved after hearing a strange noise from his engines during the take-off run.

As soon as he realised he was airborne, he might have tended to relax. When he thought he was at 250 feet, it might have happened that he relaxed more and thought all was well.

"It might be that he then proceeded to carry on as if he had reached that altitude and to take a certain number of steps in too rapid succession," the counsel added.

He said Mr Richard McGonigal, counsel for KLM, had suggested three possible causes of the accident—structural failure, instrument failure particularly altimeters, and the failure of a signal bulb causing the pilot to order flap retraction too soon.

INQUIRY ENDS

Although the public inquiry ended today, the Chairman said that if anything important arose while it was preparing its report, the court would be ready to reconvene at any time.

The Super Constellation Triton crashed near Shannon Airport within seconds of taking-off last September, causing the loss of 28 lives.—Reuter.

French Shopkeepers Tax Protest

Paris, Jan. 18.

The French police tonight drastically curtailed the plans of a 24-year-old French bookseller to hold a mammoth protest against the tax collector by 300,000 small shopkeepers and artisans.

The demonstration, organised by M. Pierre Poujade, known in France as the "shopkeepers' Abbe Pierre," is scheduled to be held here on January 24.

M. Poujade had planned to hold four simultaneous meetings in four of the biggest Paris stadia. Trainloads of his supporters are expected to descend on Paris from all over France. But tonight the French police ordered three of the stadia to be closed to the demonstrators.

CARRY ON RALLY

M. Poujade said he would carry on with his rally in the remaining stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 150,000.

The shopkeepers claim that heavy taxation is forcing them out of business and giving the big chain stores an unfair advantage. They object particularly to surprise inspections by Treasury officials checking their accounts and stocks for tax evasion. The January 24 rally is the latest and most ambitious effort by the "Poujadistes" to draw Government attention to their claims.

M. Poujade has left his wife in charge of his business in order to devote all his energy to pressing the shopkeepers' demands. He has organised committees in every department of France although the main strength of his movement lies in the southwest. The bookseller-crusader, who fought with the Free French Air Force in Britain during the war, is a formidable debater and orator.

Tonight the General Confederation of French Taxpayers warned all its members against breaking the law, saying that illegal activities were punishable by fines and even imprisonment.—France-Presse.

KING PETER AND QUEEN GOING TO WORK

London, Jan. 18.

Former King Peter of Yugoslavia and his raven-haired Queen Alexandra announced today that they are going to work so that they can live in the manner to which they are accustomed.

At a Press conference, Queen Alexandra said, "I'm going to write my memoirs. I'm starting tonight."

"And I'm going to give lecture tours. I'm going to America in October," said King Peter, who is not quite as tall as his wife.

"This tour will be my first real job," he said. "That is, except for writing my memoirs. It is now on sale."

Queen Alexandra admitted to newsmen that she already had an advance on her book—from a British publisher.

King Peter disclosed he did not know what he would say on his lecture tour.

"It depends on whom I talk to," he said.—United Press.

Washington, Jan. 18.

United States plans for economic aid to Asia were still under way, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles told his press conference today.

Mr Dulles added that a plan on the scale of the Marshall Plan for Europe had never been envisaged for Asia.—France-Presse.

FRENCH ARMS POOL PLAN

Supranational Elements Not To Great Britain's Liking

DANGER TO FREE ENTERPRISE, SAYS WEST GERMANY

Paris, Jan. 18.

A French arms pool plan came under fire here today as British representatives shied away from the inroads the project would make into national sovereignty and German representatives protested it would endanger free enterprises.

The critical barrage against the French Premier, M. Mendes-France's plan was laid down at a conference of the seven nations which make up the projected Western European Union.

The plan calls for standardisation of arms and pooling of arms production at first on a limited scale involving only the countries which consent to enter into special agreements, and then, after a two-year period introducing the European Union as a kind of "supra-national" arms organisation.

PROPOSAL TO U.S.

At the same time a proposal was made that the United States join the arms pool in view of the large extent of American military aid to some European countries, particularly the Netherlands and Belgium.

The British, who have always remained aloof from close integration schemes, were believed to have protested against the supranational elements which would go into play after the preliminary phase of the plan.

But first of all the British wanted to know definitely whether they were meant to be included at all, claiming that the French plan was not clear on this point.

The British delegates pressed the French to specify whether the Paris blueprint was meant to include all the European Union countries or only those on the Continent itself, informed sources said.

GERMAN ATTACK

The West Germans attacked on a different front. Their Economic Affairs Minister, Herr Ludwig Erhard, known as a partisan of a free enterprise economy, was understood to have contended that the French plan involved excessive interference with free competition in arms production.

He argued that free competition would make possible low prices. At the same time he emphasised the usefulness of an exchange of information on the arms programmes of the various countries.—France-Presse.

Reuter states that Prof Erhard said his attitude towards the aims of the French memorandum was a positive one. He was anxious to go very fully into the problem.

Sir Christopher Steele, the chief British Delegate, said the British Government was likewise anxious to carry out the resolutions with regard to armaments production adopted by the London and Paris conferences in which it had been provided that joint efforts and joint controls must be of a nature to take fully into account the individual requirements of each national economy.

Bibs For The Bar-Bound

Melbourne, Jan. 18.

Plastic bibs to protect ties and shirt fronts from dripping beer and larger glasses to prevent Australians from becoming a nation of "sippers" are among hotel improvements suggested by the Liquor Trades Union.

Victorian Secretary, Mr J. Coull, said larger drinking containers would also cut down the number of trips from lounge to the bar.—China Mail Special.

Russians To Try Interpreter

Vienna, Jan. 18.

Dr Sokolowski, chief interpreter for Vienna, will be tried by a Soviet military court, official Soviet sources said tonight.

The Russians claim that Dr Sokolowski, was a Soviet citizen who "betrayed his country and actively worked for the Nazis during the war."

He was arrested last Saturday while on official business in the Soviet sector of the city.

The Russians charge that Dr Sokolowski deserted the Soviet Army in June, 1942 and went over to the Germans. The Austrian authorities maintain that he acquired Austrian nationality in 1946 and are insisting that he be released.—France-Presse.

NEW POST FOR U.S. ENVOY

Washington, Jan. 18.

President Eisenhower today nominated Mr Donald Heath, present U.S. Ambassador to the Associated States of Indo-China, as U.S. Ambassador to the Lebanon. The nomination has been sent to the Senate for approval.—France-Presse.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, refused to answer an Opposition member's question in the Commons today on whether he supported the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

The Member, Mr Wilfred Dufresne, asked for a "yes or no" answer. Mr St Laurent said flatly that he had no reply to make to the question.—United Press.

Msgr Giovani Battista Montini the newly appointed Archbishop of Milan and former right-hand man of Pope Pius XII entered Milan in solemn procession from the small town of Rho, near Milan. Observing ancient tradition, the new Archbishop stayed at the town of Rho so that he did not enter the City of Milan until Epiphany Day. The Archbishop was carried in State procession during his official entry into Milan.—Express Photo.

Alcoholic Milk Saves Hangover

NAME YOUR FLAVOUR

London, Jan. 18.

Britain, which invented the steam engine and built the first jet plane, gave the world alcoholic milk today.

It comes in four flavours—whisky, brandy, rum and gin.

Government officials announced that they have granted Mortlocks Modern Dairies a licence to mellow down its milk with spiked hibiscus flower honey.

The Dairy said that the drink, called Noggo — pronounced Nawgo and concocted to cure hangovers before they get started—will be on sale by the end of the week at the equivalent of US35 cents a four-ounce bottle.

"I hate cows and never drink milk," explained 50-year-old Mrs Poppy Laidlaw who runs the Dairy.

Her son, Bryan, who helps turn out Mortlocks' present 7,000 gallons of straight milk daily, said he ordered the Dairy's experts to start experiments with alcoholic flavours some time ago when the Dairy was developing other flavours.

"Think of the advantages," Bryan said.

A BOON

"It is generally accepted that a glass of milk drunk before going to bed will prevent a hangover after a night out.

"The trouble is, who remembers to drink a glass of milk after a night out? Noggo, therefore, will prove a boon to such absent-minded men."—United Press.

Colonels Commandant For 1955

London, Jan. 18.

Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, the Deputy Supreme Commander (Europe), and General Sir Richard L. McCreery, GCB, KBE, DSO, MC, DL, another former Eighth Army Commander, will once again be the Representative Colonels Commandant for the R.T.R. and Cavalry wings of the Royal Armoured Corps for 1955.

Other distinguished soldiers to be appointed Representative Colonels Commandant for this year are:

Royal Tank Regiment: Major-General N.W. Duncan, CB, CBE, DSO, a former Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at the War Office.

Royal Regiment of Artillery: Lt-General Sir Philip M. Balfour, KBE, CB, MC, who served in both World Wars and has been G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command.

Corps of Royal Engineers: General Sir Kenneth N. Crawford, KCB, MC, who has been Director, Air (including Airborne Forces) at the War Office, GOC Land Forces, Greece, and Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff. He was President of the Army Rugby Union from 1948 to 1952.

Royal Corps of Signals: Major-General C.H.H. Vulliamy, CB, DSO, who was Signal Officer in Chief, Middle East and at Supreme H.Q., Northwest Europe during World War II and Director of Signals at the War Office after hostilities.

LORD MONTGOMERY

He is now a director of Standard Telephones and Cables, and Creed & Co.

Royal Army Service Corps: Major-General H. G. Goodfellow, CB, CBE, AMI Mech. E, who served in Italy and Northwest Europe in World War II and is a former Director of Supplies and Transport at the War Office.

Royal Army Medical Corps: Major-General R.D. Cameron, CB, CBE, MC, MB, who served in Egypt, Greece, Turkey, China, India and Northwest Europe, and was D.M.S., B.A.O.R.

Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers:—Major General Sir E. Bartram Rowcroft, KBE, CB, M.I. Mech E., M.I.E.E., who retired in 1947 after being Director of Mechanical Engineering at the War Office for four years. He is now a director of the Civil Service Supply Association Ltd.

Royal Army Dental Corps: Major-General A.B. Austin, CB, FDS, RCS, who retired in 1946 after 33 years' service, the last six as Director of the Army Dental Services at the War Office.

Nazi Officers Released By Russians

Berlin, Jan. 18.

The Soviet Union has released and repatriated two top-ranking former Nazi officers, Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner and Vice-Marshal Voss.

Schoerner commanded German troops in Finland and was commander in the central sector of the Eastern Front at the end of hostilities. Now 62, he was then the youngest German field marshal. He was captured by the Americans in Czechoslovakia and handed to the Russians in 1945.

The East German news agency ADN said the officers had been freed during the Christmas holiday last month. The agency published a letter dated January 17, in which Schoerner and Voss thanked the Soviet Government for their release and for the treatment they received during captivity.

German newspapers and periodicals from time to time had published articles implying that Schoerner had been executed in Russia as a war criminal.—France-Presse.

Artificial insemination ruling in U.S.

HUSBAND DENIED RIGHTS TO CHILD

Chicago, Jan. 18.

A judge who ruled that artificial insemination with a third party as donor is adultery today granted a divorce to the woman in the case and gave her custody of the "test-tube" baby.

Judge Gibson Gorman granted a divorce to Mrs Mary Doornbos and gave her complete custody of the child he had earlier ruled was illegitimate.

Mrs Doornbos' husband, George, 48, was denied any rights to the child, David, 5, in the divorce ruling. He cannot visit the child and does not have to contribute to his support. Mrs Doornbos waived alimony.

Mrs Doornbos' attorney, Mr Charles Cooley, had asked Judge Gorman earlier to rule that artificial insemination was not against public policy or morals.

Judge Gorman ruled on December 18 that artificial insemination of a wife with a third party as donor was adultery whether the husband consented or not. He also ruled that a child born of such a practice was "not born in wedlock" and hence was illegitimate.

Mrs Doornbos, who sued her husband for divorce on grounds of drunkenness, refused to appeal against the Judge's rare ruling.

The American Medical Association at the time said it knew of only three previous legal decisions bearing on the matter.

OTHER RULINGS

The New York State Supreme Court ruled in 1947 that a test tube baby is not illegitimate. A Canadian court intimated, but did not say specifically, in 1921 that a woman who submits to artificial insemination is guilty of adultery.

A third case, in England in 1948, involved a different aspect of the problem and the Court held that artificial insemination did not consummate a marriage.—United Press.

STASSEN DEFENDS EMPLOYEE

Washington, Jan. 18.

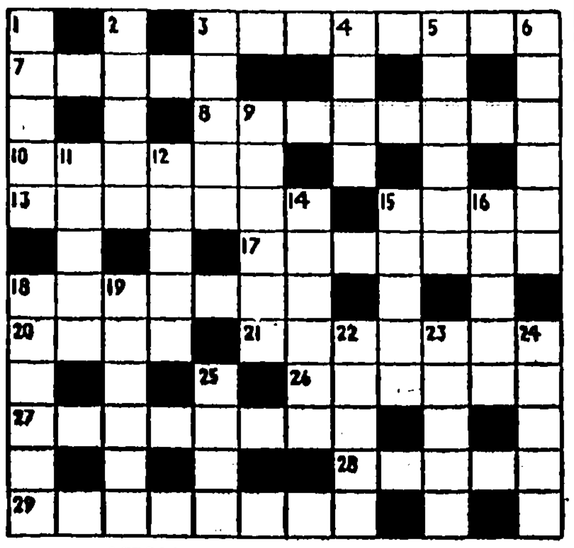
Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen said today that Wolf Ladojinsky, ousted by the Agriculture Department on security grounds, had a 19-year history of Government service "without a blemish in this record."

Mr Stassen's praise of the former U.S. Agriculture attache in Tokyo was contained in a 1,000-word statement defending his decision to hire Ladojinsky.

He said he had found no evidence that Ladojinsky "at any time had written or spoken favourably of Communism." He also said that the review of the controversial case turned up "no other pertinent information considered to be adverse to his security or loyalty."

"I was convinced then and am now, that my decision to grant security clearance and to use Mr Ladojinsky's services was in accordance with the President's security programme, and in keeping with the fundamental principles of justice and of human rights of our country," Mr Stassen said.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Worthy of belief (8).
7 Governor (5).
8 Bits and pieces (8).
10 Speaker (6).
13 Sailor (7).
15 Artful (4).
17 Charges with carbonic acid gas (7).
18 Entrust (7).
20 Responsibility (4).
21 Slim (7).
26 Make certain of (6).
27 Swells (8).
28 Relative (5).
29 Determined (8).

DOWN

1 Stableman (5).
2 Distinct (5).
3 Sing, in a way (5).
4 Lady (4).
5 Robber (6).
6 Attempts (6).
9 Fears (6).
11 Artificial silk (5).
12 Quarrels (5).
14 Staggered (6).
15 Cautions (5).
16 Lifting-bar (6).
18 Bird of prey (6).
19 Tends (6).
22 Follow (5).
23 Blockhead (5).
24 Carousal (5).
25 Pare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Recess, 5 Edict, 8 Elope, 9 Gyrate, 10 Iliad, 11 Sense, 12 Skin, 13 Otter, 16 Leader, 18 Averse, 20 Riled, 22 Anon, 23 Egged, 25 Nacre, 26 Regulo, 27 Erase, 28 Mends, 29 Editor. Down: 1 Register, 2 Carnival, 3 Sole, 4 Sleeper, 5 Episode, 6 Delete, 7 Craze, 14 Transact, 15 Reindeer, 16 Ledgers, 17 Aspersion, 19 Verred 8 Image, 24 Deed.

FOUR HUNDRED MEN DIED ON ICHABOE — NOT ONE OF THEM FROM NATURAL CAUSES

THE ISLAND OF MUMMIES

JOHN SINCLAIR tells another of the world's strangest stories

ICHABOE ISLAND is never visited by disease or common illness. Of the 400 men buried on the island not one died a natural death; all were either murdered or killed accidentally. All are natural mummies, their bodies perfectly preserved.

The history of Ichaboe Island has run scarlet with the blood of men from the day when it was discovered 120 years ago by a Boston sealing schooner and even as recently as 1952 men fought to the death as they hunted for pirates' treasure.

The Betty Williams, under Captain Hiram K. Williams, a Yankee sealer, was nosing around the West African coast in search of seals when Williams spotted Ichaboe, white with guano, at that time as valuable as gold for fertilisation purposes.

In the process of making a landing on the island three of the Betty Williams' sailors were drowned and buried on the island.

Williams estimated that the guano deposit was 25ft. deep on the island (it later proved to be 70ft. deep) and, on his return to America, reported his discovery. Word of it reached Liverpool, England, where Andrew Livingstone, a trader, at once formed a company to fetch the guano Williams had discovered.

Treasure Chest

Within one year more than 300 ships were anchored off the island, ships from Europe, America and Southern Africa. Their men were busy digging guano. In the course of the year that followed discovery of the guano island 135 men were either drowned, killed accidentally or murdered and buried on the island.

It was about this time that an American seaman, Tomlinson, stumbled on to an old chest under nine feet of guano containing Spanish doubloons and jewels. Word leaked out about the find and one of the bloodiest episodes in world history ensued as men fought with cutlass and knife, club and old pistols for supremacy on the island in a wild, disorderly search for the remainder of the pirate treasure.

In the space of four weeks 85 men were clubbed or stabbed to death. Holes were dug and the bodies irreverently placed in them and covered with guano.

A German captain, Hans Moller, who had brought his wife along with him on an expedition to the island, was foolish enough to allow the woman to accompany him and six of his crew on shore.

The woman discovered a small cache of diamonds and was returning to the ship with her husband in a small rowing-boat when it was swamped by an Atlantic roller. Everyone in the boat was drowned and the woman and the seven men were buried in a communal grave on the island.

Blood Bath

The blood bath of Ichaboe Island reached such fantastic proportions by 1860 that Queen Victoria ordered Captain Oliver J. Jones, commander of H.M.S. Furious to annex the island and restore some form of order.

Jones landed on the island on June 21, 1861, and annexed it on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty, hoisting the Union Flag on a pole planted in the guano. The old pole and the notice affixed to it by Jones were still to be seen on the island two years ago.

When the Furious arrived at the Ichaboe mausoleum 352 men were buried there and one woman.

It was shortly afterwards that one of the sea's most amazing characters, an American seaman named Barnabas Q. Wilson, of New Bedford, master of a small sailing vessel, arrived at Ichaboe.

Wilson had the distinction of being known as the "Yankee Second-hand Dealer of the Seven Seas," but he had no interest in guano or diamonds.

He was hunting for pirate treasure, but when he discovered the grave of three seamen who had been drowned 30 years before an idea occurred to him.

The corpses were perfectly preserved and looked exactly as they had on the day when they were interred. The usual mummification associated with Egyptian mummies was absent although the skins of the bodies had been parchment-dried.

Wilson immediately went to the man who had been left by Captain Jones as officer-in-charge of the island and, for a few bottles of rum, bought half-a-dozen of the natural mummies.

The sailor, Curtis, who sold the bodies to Wilson dug up about 100 graves in order to find seamen who had drowned and who were therefore unmarked.

Grisly Cargo

With the grisly cargo on board Wilson set sail for North Africa and France, where he sold the mummies to museums as "genuine Egyptian mummies" taken from tombs in the African desert.

In Alexandria he sold one for just over £1,000, and for many years the museum in Marseilles had two "genuine Egyptian mummies," and the museum in Naples had one. In London Wilson sold one for about £700 to a dealer who in turn sold the mummy to the French Government for several thousand pounds.

The remainder of the mummies were disposed of in American ports at fantastic prices, especially as Wilson had bought up oddments of old jars and clay work with hieroglyphics on them in Egypt and produced these as having been found in centuries-old tombs with the mummies.

Ichaboe is an island where no one dies naturally. The guano, with its ammonia content, is without doubt the world's most salubrious place—if one can withstand the overpowering smell of ammonia.

It is also an island of wealth, for as recently as last year a Cape coloured man discovered an old leather bag containing diamonds worth about £2,000 on the shoreline, hidden under seaweed. Another found a small box containing gold coins.

Today the island is governed by the Union Government or South Africa as a guano station. It is within the sperrgebiet (forbidden) area of Southwest Africa because of its diamondiferous area.

Men do not like to work there, although one, known as "Mister Milo," actually lived on the island for over 20 years as headman. When the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919 raged through the world, not a single

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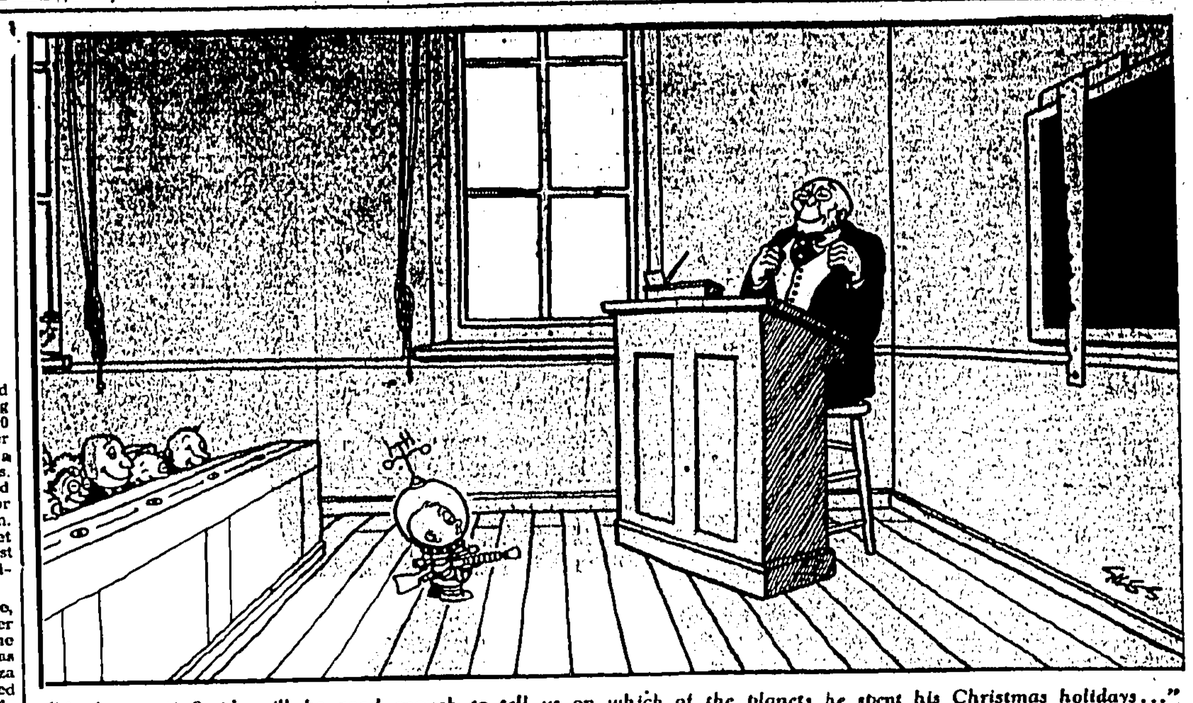

"And now, if Smith will be good enough to tell us on which of the planets he spent his Christmas holidays..."

—(London Express Service.)

CRY... this land of SHADOW

MacCOLL's Searchlight Series introduces a man who found a NEW 'Darkest Africa'

KLOOF is the name of the place where Alan Paton lives... about half an hour's fast drive from Durban through lovely hilly country with the Indian Ocean a blue blur off to one side.

Alan Paton, the man who wrote the controversial best-seller "Cry The Beloved Country," which I suppose scores of thousands of you have read and seen the film of. The story of the coloured Kumao family fighting circumstance and the 20th century in the shanty towns of Johannesburg.

Paton proves to be a short man, weak eyes behind gold-rimmed spectacles. A compact face, pink from the sun, and lined. Grey hair brushed back. Wearing a pink blouse, grey slacks, and a fawn sweater knotted across his shoulders. Hands very square and capable-looking.

An artisan's hands, could be, but this one is a typewriter artisan. Takes a lot of trouble over every question.

California-style house and lovely garden, Hibiscus Bougainvillaea. All those flaming sorts of flowers — and also a few irises to kid you that you might be back in England.

There is a great big silly barking dog that gets affectionate contumely.

Paton leads the way to his workroom, a "rondavel" (round-house) cut off from the living quarters. A cool, white-washed place with a blue-painted door, conical thatched roof, about 20ft. in diameter.

HIS OUTLOOK

PERFECT for writing, I'd say, but Paton stares somewhat moodily down at a pile of just-finished typescript (50,000 words on "South Africa — the land and its people," to be distributed among United States schoolchildren) and announces that the only way he can really get effective work from himself is to write away from home.

"Cry The Beloved Country," it appears, was "started in Norway and finished in San Francisco." And he adds: "How I envy Ernest Hemingway — he lives in Cuba, permanently away from home."

Paton is vice-chairman of the Liberal Party of South Africa (it has at present two Senators and two members of the Lower House of South Africa's Parliament), one of the opposition parties to Strydom's Nationalist Government.

He kicks off arrestingly about his South Africa, the land and its people: "Unfortunately there is no country of South Africa," he tells me. "There is no common factor. The words 'South Africa' don't mean the same thing to any two of us."

He broods, then: "Look here, there are only two alternatives for us, either some kind of complete race domination, whether white or black, or else a common society for all of us. What else can we do?"

More brooding. "We must try to get common privileges for all of us, whatever the race, and if in the end it turns out that there happen to be more black people than white enjoying those privileges it can't be helped."

Another pause. "This country won't face the facts—won't face the challenge of a common society. The only consequence of racial domination is, sooner or later, revolution.

"The task of the Government is simply to see that justice is done—and leave the rest to the people."

A long pause. "We must be absolutely honest. We must realise that a common society could lead eventually to a black domination here—but that is a calculated risk we must take. The important question is really not what sort of country we shall be living in in 50 years' time but what sort of a world.

"And if it is a world that overwhelmingly hates and rejects race domination, then there will be little to fear here."

I tell Paton that at the brand-new Orange Free State gold-mining town the other day I had seen white doctors and nursing sisters ministering to sick Negroes, and how did that square with the Malan-Strydom Apartheid race policy?

He replied: "Apartheid is impossible. Our Nationalist legislators will be famous in history—just the way that King Canute is famous.

"Doctors and nurses I envy, because they can transcend the colour bar without offending society, can serve humanity whatever its race, without a twinge."

HIS FAREWELL

AT this point Mrs Paton puts her head into the rondavel and says how about tea, tea being a highly important matter in the mid-morning scene hereabouts.

So off we froop to a sit-down snack of tea and brown bread and butter, and Christmas cake.

Then we pile into the car and Paton drives me in tearaway style to see the Valley of the Thousand Hills, a sensationally beautiful arrangement of diving, undulating earth. But across even this lovely scene lies the thick shadow of Apartheid.

Back through the sunshine we charge, past all the well-appointed, lushly be-gardened new houses, where land now costs £600 an acre compared with £40 in the 1930's.

Here's Kloof again, and it is time for me to go back to Durban. Paton leans into the window of my taxi to bid me farewell and almost winks. "You know," he vouchsafes, "politics is really not my job. I'm a writer."

Maybe—but a writer who seems to talk a lot of sense.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"I LOVE Lollo" scribbled all over the walls of our workroom indicated that ALBERT THE ROBOT COLUMNIST, was in no mood to help me.

He had been staring for hours at the newspaper photographs of the Italian film actress Gina Lollobrigida and was just about to draw her portrait over the book-shelves when he was stopped.

Put that crayon down, Albert.

Can't I draw a picture without a fuss?

No, Albert.

I was only going to draw Lollo's face.

I said put that crayon down, Albert.

All right. No picture, no work.

You're in a bad mood today, Albert. Are you suffering from metal fatigue?

No.

Then what's the matter?

I love Lollo.

You have been in love with Marilyn Monroe, Miss World, 15 other entrants for the Miss World beauty competition, and most of the fashion models in the glossy magazines. Now it's Gina Lollobrigida. I suppose you are aware that she's happily married?

People get divorced.

They don't get divorced for robots with tin legs and a riveted chest and a brain full of valves and batteries. Let's read the papers and see if we can make some comment on the news.

I don't want to read the papers. If I can't draw Lollo can I write a poem about her?

If you must.

All right.

Lollo, Lollo, lovely Lollo
Though my heart is tin and hollow
Though I'm just a metal follow
I have feelings, lovely Lollo
And each night upon my pollow . . .

Careful, Albert.

I cry Lollo, Lollo, Lollo.
Lollo, Lollo, you're my dream girl
You're my strawberry and cream girl
You're the ice cubes in my hock pail
You're the cherry in my cocktail
You're the custard on my jam pie
You're the boiled egg in my ham pie
You're a sonnet, you're a ballad
You're the dressing on my salad
You're the ice-cream in my sundae
You're my shepherd's pie on Monday
Lollo, Lollo, I'm your slavey
You're my Yorkshire pud and gravy

Albert, when you have finished eating Gina Lollobrigida perhaps we could get on with something else?

Lollo, Lollo, lovely Lollo
Though my heart is tin and hollow
I could sit for hours and watch yer
Hotcha, hotcha, hotcha, hotcha.

Finished, Albert?

Hotcha, hotcha, hotcha, hotcha.

Animals And The Stars

AS readers of the Animals' Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., have asked for a feature "What the Stars Foretell for Animals," here is some advice for beasts and birds born under the 12 signs of the Zodiac.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).—Get out of your rut and do something different. If you are a cow kick the bucket over. You will feel better afterwards.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).—A pleasant day providing you don't poke your nose into other animals' business. This applies particularly to little dogs exchanging the courtesies with Alsatians.

Aries (March 21-April 20).—A pleasant surprise in store. If you are a bear more buns than usual will be thrown at you today; if a sparrow a shower of crumbs from an unexpected quarter. Fortunate dogs will find bones buried by other dogs.

Taurus (April 21-May 21).—Observe the conventions and don't offend those well disposed towards you. Parrots should be specially careful of language used in front of strangers.

Gemini (May 22-June 21).—Minor difficulties will crop up, but nothing that your quicksilver mind cannot cope with. Cats who wait their opportunity will find the larder door left open at last and the Sunday joint available.

Cancer (June 22-July 23).—A bad day for bears born under this sign. Most of the buns will be thrown at other bears, though you may get a stale one towards evening.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23.)—Keep cool, calm and collected. Although the morning will be a bit nerve-racking, lions hunted in the jungle will be missed by yards and will have a pleasant afternoon on a full stomach.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23).—A cheerful, exciting day for all animals. The evening very favourable for a get-together with friends, particularly cats.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23).—The boss is moody, the family temperamental. No need to upset yourself if others find fault. This applies mainly to dogs.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).—You may be the target of unfair criticism. If water has been spilled on the scullery floor both cats and dogs are advised to spend the day away from home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22).—Could be an amusing day for elephants. You may see somebody you have disliked for years and have fun in your own special way.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20).—Horses born under this sign should handle people firmly, particularly so-called friends. A wonderful day for throwing bores who say they are so fond of horses.

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DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

BORN today, you are one of those who seems to attract fame and make a place for yourself as a leader in either the realm of ideas or action—sometimes both. You have a dogged perseverance which goes a long way toward giving you the rewards you desire, although there may be times when your material fortunes are at a very low ebb. Your business capabilities are not your most outstanding trait and you will be wise if you always seek expert advice in this field of endeavour.

You are at your best in planning affairs; meeting a crisis; or in working in the arts and professions, where your originality and initiative will be most useful. You are calm, level-headed and have the wisdom to act astutely at the proper moment. Once you have made up your mind to do something, you will spare nothing—or no one—to reach your goal. Your determination and perseverance is undaunted by any kind of opposition.

Your emotions are deep-seated and although you may not be very demonstrative your love is loyal and true. You will make a fine marriage partner and there should be exceptional happiness in store for you.

Among those who were born on this date are: General Robert E. Lee, Edgar Allan Poe, author; Lanny Ross, singer; Alexander Woollcott, author and critic; and Oveta Culp Hobby, stateswoman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't let anyone bluff you into doing something your intuition says is not right!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new acquaintance may not prove entirely trustworthy. Make a test before giving confidences.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)—Try to organise your work in a systematic fashion to get the best possible results now.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)—Don't speak out in haste or in anger. The wrong word could defeat your best interests.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)—Be diplomatic, especially at the office. A sharp answer could hurt someone's feelings unnecessarily.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You will have a rugged day, probably, but complete your tasks before nightfall, then seek recreation.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Experience is useful, but you may need specialised training to advance. Plan to acquire added education.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)—There are good prospects for a promotion if you work things right. Let your work speak for itself.

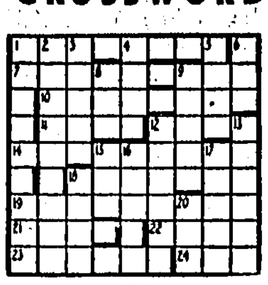
VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)—Although minor upsets may try your patience, keep emotions on an even keel and all will be well.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct. 23)—It may be a good idea to revise that budget again, if things seem to be getting out of hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Rest to keep within your budget, if you can. It is not always the best policy to borrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec. 22)—Actions speak more loudly in your favour than many words! Remember, too, that worrying is mostly lost action.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Is this a volume written by a shellback? (8)
7. The ranks of Tuscany did, in a way. (9)
10. The classes with time on their hands. (8)
11. End of the elephants. (4)
12. Reads carefully. (4)
14. Packed away years ago in a red bag! (9)
18. I cut away from an American State. (7)
19. Shopkeeper who stays put? (9)
21. Hardy lass ——. (4)
22. —— And a musical comedy one. (4)
23. They go with silks, and buttons and bows. (6)
24. This and two more help TIM. (3)

Down

1. These make a salty cast. (9)
2. No high meal, this (1, 5, 3)
3. Played out. (5)
4. Low-scale singer? (4)
5. Knee is more than just bent. (4)
6. A doctor of divinity. (3)
8. "The Fleet's —— up." (3)
9. Sound of the non-worker. (5)
12. Rules of the church. (6)
13. He's a feudal sort of ruler. (6)
15. This is on tap half the time! (3)
16. Students gather here. (5)
17. Boadicea led them. (5)
18. People in a fishing play? (4)
20. Painful little drink? (3)

Yesterday's solution

THE NEW WORD GAME

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square below? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words. Solution tomorrow.

A	P	H
E	U	C
T	A	R

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ARTICHOKE cake choke choker coke cork crake creak croak hack hake hark heck hike hock hoick ketch kier kite kith rack racket rake reck rick rock rocket tack take teak thick tick tike track trick.

WOMANSENSE

Looking Forward To Summer...

Summer is still a long way off. But the fashion designers are getting ready for the sunshine. . . . Here is a latest two-piece—a red and white striped blazer worn over an elegant sleeveless white dress with gold buttons. —(London Express Service.)

KEEP IN TRIM . . . By IDA JEAN KAIN

For Perfect Body Movements—

MUSCLES shape the body. Unused muscles become soft and flabby—and flabby muscles have an affinity for fat. Worse, a lack of normal tone in the big muscles results in lessened well-being.

The way you habitually move and use your body can help maintain muscle tone or allow muscles to slump into tired, unlovely lines. Try this series of tests, suggested by Dr Bess Mensendieck in her excellent new book, "Look Better, Feel Better."*

To make this practical rather than mere guess work, act out the movements. Here we go . . .

★

In rising from a chair, do you push yourself up by using the chair arms, help yourself by placing hands on thighs, or do you use the big thigh muscles to lift? Just for fun, get up from your chair in order to check on yourself.

How often in the course of daily movements do you bend your body sidewards—seldom, occasionally, frequently? When you bend forward, is your abdomen relaxed, bulging loosely, or are these muscles drawn in? When you sit down, do you shift to one side, slump back in the chair seat or distribute weight evenly on your sitting bones? While standing or walking are buttock muscles relaxed or held tight? Mark your answers before reading the next paragraph.

In all these questions, the perfect way to perform the movement is the last one given.

If you get A for Action, not only do you move beautifully, but you are guarding your body through correct natural movements.

Dr Mensendieck emphasises that the cause of sag, bulge and ache is due to improper body use and not advancing age.

If you have heavy thighs, this indicates that you may not be using your thigh muscles in your daily movements. By the way, watch the movements of an actress. It is only when playing the part of an older person that she will use her arms to help herself out of the chair.

In bending, you should draw in the long abdominal muscles, otherwise the abdomen will bulge. When you sit, you should use your sitting bones, else you invite backache. In raising your arms, you should be conscious of the muscles near the end of the shoulder. If not, you will encourage drooping shoulders rather than squared ones.

The Mensendieck System stresses natural, easy-to-do movement schemes, scientifically designed to revitalise specific muscles and joints.

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Wear Gloves To Keep Silver Smudgeless

Lincoln, Neb.

To avoid finger smears on silverware when setting the table, wear clean cotton gloves.

Each piece of silver can be given a final buffing or polishing as you set the table, says Clara Leopold of the University of Nebraska.

Wash the gloves promptly after use, because the smudge marks you wipe off the silver will stain the cotton. The glove-gimmick also helps to interest the children in assisting you at meal time, she adds.—United Press.

AN OLD FRENCH RECIPE

CREME DU BARRY

By PAMELA RICHARD

The first woman to receive the Cordon Bleu was cook to King Louis XV's favourite, Comtesse du Barry, who was guillotined 161 years ago.

The Comtesse persuaded the King to award this sky-blue ribbon of the highest order of the Bourbon kings for her excellent cooking. In fact, many famous dishes named after the Comtesse were actually invented by her cook.

Example: Creme du Barry (chicken and cauliflower soup).

For two you need: 1 pint chicken stock; 1 medium cauliflower; a small leek; 1 small onion; 1 ounce butter; ¼ pint cream; dessertspoon flour; seasoning.

Chop the onion and leek and simmer in butter. Stir in the flour and add stock. Cut off a few small cauliflower buds and keep separate. Add the stems and rest of the cauliflower (no leaves) to the stock, season lightly, and simmer gently until tender.

Sieve, and finish the soup with cream. Garnish with the whole buds (cooked separately) and a little chopped chervil if you have any.

● JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hold Head When Figuring This Bid

By OSWALD JACOBY

I HOPE none of my readers gets dizzy in the attempt to read the bidding of today's hand. If this fate befalls you, however, let me offer a few words of comfort: You aren't the only bridge player who was dizzy in this hand.

Lest you think that North and South were just a pair of amiable lunatics, and that it's a shame to be poking fun at the way they bid a hand, let me set you straight right away.

North and South were both members of the official world championship team, and the hand is taken from their first match in last summer's national championships.

South bid the spades so strongly that he persuaded his partner to raise the suit with only two small trumps. South

NORTH 26
♠ 5 4
♥ Q 6
♦ A J 9 8 5 4 2
♣ A 6

WEST
♠ J
♥ K J 7 3
♦ Q 10 6
♣ J 10 7 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ None
♣ Q 9 8 5 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K 10 9 8 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ K 7 3
♣ K

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 N.T	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 N.T.	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
7 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ 3

thereupon assumed that the suit was solid and worked himself up to a grand slam in spades.

If East had passed, the champs would have gone right out on their collective ears and some other team would have won the tournament. As it happened, East believed that the spade suit was solid except for his queen.

He assumed that his trumps would be picked up by a finesse unless he managed to stop the slam at once by ruffing a diamond. His double asked West to open a diamond.

South may have bid the hand unwisely to begin with, but he knew a danger signal when he heard one. When East doubled seven spades, South ran right out to seven no-trump. He wasn't sure he could make that contract, but the double convinced him that he couldn't make seven spades. There was some hope, of course, at seven no-trump.

West led a club, and South won with the king. He cashed the king of diamonds, discovering that a finesse would be needed to bring in that suit. He then cashed the ace of spades and the ace of hearts, continuing with a diamond finesse and all of dummy's diamonds.

When declarer had run all of the diamonds and the ace of clubs, nobody had discarded the king of hearts. No squeeze had worked, apparently, so he had to try the spade finesse. That succeeded, so South brought home his grand slam in no trump.

One very useful purpose can be served in publishing a hand of this sort. It proves that even the greatest players (and the world champions are obviously among the greatest) will occasionally bid foolishly.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	Double	?	

You, South, hold: Spades K-6-3, Hearts Q-5-4, Diamonds Q-4, Clubs 9-6-5-3-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. This is far from a hopeless hand, but you have nothing to bid. All you can do is sit back and await developments.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-6-3, Hearts Q-9-8-6-3-2, Diamonds 4-2, Clubs 6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

"When I hear him play like that, I just close my eyes, lean back in my chair, and think of all that money going down the drain."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A HUSBAND, and a J.P. may be pardoned for asking for an explanation when he finds his wife closeted with a stranger who is engaged in producing from his mouth the flags of the United Nations on a sling.

"What, my dear, is this?" asked Colonel Wretch satirically. Mrs Wretch explained that Chumulpo, the clown from Wugwell's Circus, had called. "Pardon me, Admiral," said Chumulpo, stepping forward and extracting a half-crown from the colonel's left ear. Then, in an attempt to make the atmosphere more friendly, he did a back somersault, and knocked over a vase of flowers. "Put it down to my account, General," said the clown, with a magnanimous wave of the hand.

A noble example

THE serious attempts made by local authorities to cut down expenditure are becoming more evident every day. In Yorkshire a man who bought a shop for £3,000 was offered £50 under a compulsory purchase order. This represents a saving of at least £2,950. Another man bought a house for £220. It was demolished and he got £1 compensation. A suggestion has been that all property seized by the authorities should be paid for at a standard rate of twopence halfpenny. That would be an immense saving, and a powerful encouragement to the economy drive.

Commercial television

IT is not every day that an undertaker's son, sponsored by a bakery, steals an electric railway. I read that an American television bakery programme showed boys demonstrating how to steal toys from a shop. The undertaker's son won. This is no doubt one way of showing the advantages of private enterprise. It is also a good way of educating the young. The undertaker must have felt very proud as he watched the triumph of his boy.

The Rochdale controversy

IT is clear that the people of Rochdale have been "got at." Why on earth am I still being subjected to these attacks? Anyone would think I had disgraced the Rochdale Observer when I was editor. A letter I treasure, from Sir Gilbert Rolleston, said, when I left for the Yorkshire Post: "You have raised the standard of life in Rochdale by your integrity, awareness, and sense of values. You were the best editor since Snelgrove." I suggest that those who deny that I was ever editor should ask Sir Gilbert who is telling the truth in this degrading controversy.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. NEUMAN

Black, 11 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—B4. 1 . . . B—Kt6; 2. Q—KB1; 1 . . . B—R2; 2. P—Kt5.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Tale Of Scrubbing

—Everybody Wants All the Credit for Washing—

By MAX TRELL

KATYBELLE had come and there she was down in the laundry rubbing and scrubbing the clothes.

Knarf and Hanid went down to visit her. For though Katy was as busy as anyone could possibly be, she always smiled as she worked and was never so busy that she didn't have time to talk or tell a story.

A Soapy Tale

This afternoon she told a story about Soap and Clothespin.

Knarf and Hanid listened without interruption.

Then she spoke: "Well," she began as she went on rubbing a shirt against the washboard, "once upon a time, there was a bar of Soap and also a wooden Clothespin and neither the one nor the other were good friends.

"It wasn't really the Clothespin's fault that they weren't. It was the fault of the Soap.

"You see," Katy continued, "Soap was a very boastful fellow, always crowing about how fine and big and strong he was and how much hard work he did.

"'Just look here,' he said to Clothespin, one Monday morning, 'I do nothing but work while you do nothing but stand on a line.'

An Important Role

"'Oh. . . but I keep the clothes from flying off,' the Clothespin answered in a little voice. 'If it weren't for me, they'd never get dry.'

"'Nonsense,' the Soap grumbled. 'Besides, it isn't important. They'd got dry somehow. But I get them clean. When I'm through rubbing over them they're as white as snow. Just look at how I'm rubbing them now!'

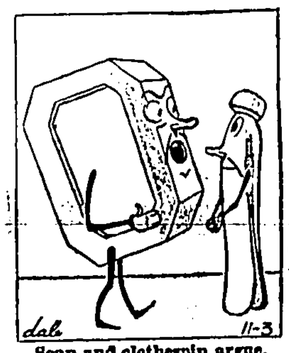
"'You do work very hard,' the little wooden Clothespin admitted.

"'I'm the biggest bar of Soap in this house. That's why I can work so hard. Rub-rub-rubbity-rub,' went the Soap, as it moved up and dwn over the clothes. 'And I'm growing all the time! I'm getting bigger and bigger! Just look at all the suds I'm making! Just look!'

"The Clothespin looked. But it saw something that Soap hadn't seemed to notice. Far from growing bigger, the Soap was growing smaller.

"'I can wash all the clothes in this house!' it went on boasting. 'I can clean the floors. I can clean people's hands and while I'm doing all this useful work, all you can do is stand on the line . . . doing nothing.'

"Little by little," Katy said, "Soap's voice grew softer and softer. Finally it sounded no louder than a little kitten's. Soap had become no bigger than a postage stamp. And oh, how gentle it was now! It stopped boasting altogether."



Soap and clothespin argue, for each feels most important.

"And did it finally become friends with Clothespin?" Hanid asked Katy.

"Indeed he did, child," said Katybelle. "Soap didn't do any more boasting. He was much too small for that. He just stayed very quietly in his soap dish looking up at Clothespin and wishing that he were only as big.

"For it was Clothespin who was now the big fellow. And Soap who was the tiny one! And they remained friends from then on."

Rupert and the Magic Ball—24

Once again Rupert starts forward and again the ball aggravates him by keeping just out of his reach. Up and down the slopes of the field it goes and then bounds over a fence: "Oh, my, now I shall lose it!" he mutters. "The river's in that direction." Beside the

water he spies his pal, Rastus quietly fishing. "Hi, look out!" Rupert shouts. "There's a ball coming straight for you and it's as heavy as a cannon ball. It'll hurt you!" Rastus looks around startled, sees the ball nearing him, but does not move.

TYPHOON TYSON

AN IMMORTAL AFTER ONLY ONE SEASON OF FIRST CLASS CRICKET

A quick check on England's cricket followers just now should reveal a high proportion of red faces. That is if armchair and other critics remember what they said six months ago. England's team to tour Australia had just been chosen.

Most names met with an approving nod. But at one name there was no such reaction. "He won't stand the strain on those Aussie wickets," was the general comment. The name was Frank Tyson.

In fact, it is the Aussies who are not standing the strain. In the Third Test at Melbourne their batting cracked up before Typhoon Tyson, 6ft 1½ins of whose bowling energy. So the 24-year-old, after one full season of first-class cricket, has become an immortal with those seven wickets for 27 runs.

Tyson has had to put up with a lot of "I don't think he'll make it" talk. For years England has searched for someone to send 'em down really fast. Players of only limited potential have been seized upon as future world-beaters. But for two seasons Tyson was ignored.

He has been fast-bowling Cinderella. The slipper had to fit perfectly before anyone would believe he was the "Prince of the ball."

ODD MAN OUT

Just as Tyson has been odd man out amongst the hopefuls so he was odd man out when with a difference. Whenever there is talk of "attacking" wicket the fast men are regarded as the first line of attack. They are supposed to offer up the batsmen.

Not Tyson. He prefers to study his opponent, to find a weak spot. Whilst batting in the Second Test he was hit on the head by Ray Lindwall. Came Ray's turn to face Frank's bowling. The crowds waited for fireworks.

They were disappointed. No bumpers. Frank bowled Lindwall with his second delivery—a yorker. "Why no bumpers?" he was asked afterwards. "I was after his wicket, that was far more important," was his reply.

And so it was to the team. Team spirit governs Frank's whole outlook. After his Melbourne performance he retired to a quiet corner of the dressing room. Sought out, and showered with congratulations, he insisted that victory came through team work. It wasn't false modesty.

It is natural that Tyson should be the thoughtful type. Until last year he was at Durham University. In the tug-of-war between cricket and studies, cricket won. He led the University side to win the Championship, but failed his exams. After a few years' cricket Frank will go back to University to wrestle with English, French and History.

LIVES CRICKET

For the moment, however, he lives cricket.

New Year's Eve, 1953, saw him celebrating at a dinner-dance. But in midwinter and in the excitement of welcoming 1954 Frank talked cricket. And more than talked....

"Look," he said to his friend John Beeson. And he whipped an imaginary ball down the dance floor with the same action that skittled the Aussies at Melbourne.

"You see?" said Frank. "My body doesn't carry straight through. I dip to the left as I am bowling at the slips."

"I feel comfortable but 'hey' say I'll never be really fast if I do that."

Now the friend, Mr Beeson, is a physiotherapist. Muscles are his line.

"Don't worry," he replied. "The ligaments in your back are naturally loose. That's why your body turns so freely."

The reason why Tyson has loose back ligaments is that as a youngster he strained his back playing too much cricket. So he got instruction for 100 different back exercises and practised at least 10 every night. Last winter he went on a tree-felling course.

"And every day at home he gets out his Indian clubs and does exercises with them," says his 62-year-old mother. "He was always crazy about fitness."

Cricket-crazy, fitness-crazy Frank doesn't come from a sporting family. But he has always wanted to be a fast bowler.

As an eight-year-old playing on a bit of waste ground near his home in Middleton, Lancashire, he could bowl at a slab of stone or pile of tin cans, which served as wickets, faster than any of his pals.

When he was eleven Tyson joined the Middleton Club, which played in the Central Lancashire League. There he had his first real coaching. Professional Alf Cassley showed him how to hold the ball, keeping the seam upright.

Tyson graduated to the first team. In one match, against Rochdale, he bowled Cecil Pepper, the hard-hitting Australian all-rounder, with his first ball.

TOOK NOTICE

The cricket world, and his native county of Lancashire in particular, began to take notice of this tall, slim lad with the lengthy run-up.

Came a trial at Old Trafford. County coach Harry Makepeace said afterwards he could make Frank into an England bowler.

Frank's father, however, had other ideas. His son was going in for something more certain than professional cricket. That might have been that.

But after Army service Tyson took a Saturday post as professional with Knypersley in the North Staffordshire League. It was worth five pounds a week. A modest wage compared to most professionals' earnings. Yet Frank wanted to give full value for money. He put everything into his bowling and into fielding and batting.

After a trial with Northamptonshire he was offered a two-year contract when he had taken his final exams.

This time Frank had to make the decision on his own. His father had died in 1949. It wasn't an easy choice to make. He was now far more certain of his cricket than when the Lancashire offer was made. If he passed his exams there would be no worry. He would have another profession at hand. If he failed? He could always go back to studying afterwards.

But no half measures. He would give cricket everything. He has. Ask Australia!

—(London Express Service).

Frank "Typhoon" Tyson in action. — Express Photo.

Fox-hunting In Ireland Has Now Become An International Affair

By GERARD BOURKE

If you're looking for changes in Old Ireland, go to the Wilds of the West. And then go on to the hunting field.

Shannon Airport now brings a large number of American visitors for hunting holidays with the Co. Limerick Foxhounds. And many country estates that were the homes of well-known Irish families before the war have been bought, or leased, by retired British officers.

The rush to well-fed Ireland was fast during the immediate postwar years, despite a tax imposed by the Irish Government on cross-channel buyers of Irish property. Still the rural characters live on, straight from the pages of Somerville and Ross. The ass-and-cart drivers meander along the narrow, winding roads, a hazard to the fast double horse-boxes.

But the meets are now international. An American banker, who has long ridden to hounds but over very different country, takes the broad double banks alongside riders from New Zealand or England — though probably a field or more behind the parish priest.

In the Irish hunting field, religious views are never aired, though in certain counties the farmers have strongly opposed wealthy outsiders who have figured in divorce cases from becoming masters. As so often in southern Ireland, religious differences may be forgotten but not the sanctity of the family.

MUST BE RICH

Apart from families who have bought Irish estates and are feverishly establishing roots in the country—often to the amusement of the locals—and breed hunters, visitors must be rich to spend many weeks hunting.

A standard fee of £5 is charged for hiring a hunter, whatever its merit; the rider must also pay a visitor's 'cap' of £2, and tip the groom, too. Still, visitors often hunt four times a week, twice with the Co. Limerick Hounds, and twice with the more famous Co. Tipperary pack known as the "Black and Tans." This is still owned by the Ryan family, with Mr Thady Ryan as master.

The £5 fee is not large from the owner's point of view, since he runs the risk of losing a horse that may cost £200 or more. Some hunters are insured against being killed but accidents are frequent, and the charge to insure against temporary injuries is prohibitive.

The risk to the riders is also big, particularly in wet weather when the banks may crumble, and since the war there have been some fatal accidents.

NEW BLOOD

New blood has recently been introduced into the hounds of the Co. Limerick pack by flying over different stock from well-known English hunts. Prizes are offered each season to followers of the hunt who return the pups they have 'walked' in the best condition.

The "Black and Tan" hounds, bearing these colours, are particularly good on the scent; the country through which they hunt is some of the finest in Ireland. Some Grand National winners have come from the district, and runs of six or seven miles are not unusual, often coming at the end of a hard day's hunting.

Among the visitors in recent seasons have been Britain's star rider, Colonel Llewellyn, owner of Foxhunter, and the British team rider, Major Hanson, who died this year, aged only 29, shortly after marrying Miss Edge from Dublin.

Lord Daresbury is the present master of the Co. Limerick Hounds with which, before the war, the well-known author, Dorothea Conyers, often rode. Many of her novels introduced scenes from this part of Ireland.

A colourful character, she played tennis in slacks, and sometimes smoked a pipe, after giving up hunting on account of her age.

The Earl of Harrington and his wife, a Limerick girl, are also followers of both packs, along with Sir Thomas Ainsworth, and Lady Ursula Vernon, daughter of the late Duke of Westminster.

Traditional pink coats are worn by some of the men. A few of the women still ride side-saddle and veiled. On a good day the field will include 60 or 70 riders. In the spring, horses that have come through the season unscathed are entered in Hunter Trials often held at Kilballyowen, the home of Colonel The O'Grady.

This year the cub-hunting was delayed on account of the late harvesting, but now the season is providing excellent sport.

AMERICAN SEASON

The main American contingent arrives early in the New Year, their own season having ended. In some cases they have formed hunting parties, leasing a house for the winter. Their negro servants have caused friendly surprise among the villagers, since negroes are rarely seen in the west of Ireland.

The season ends around St Patrick's Day, March 17, yielding to the excitement derived from hilarious point-to-point meetings. Farmers race against each other on horses of diverse parentage and ability, watched from a hill-top by everyone even vaguely interested in the horses—and hopeful bookies.

In these races, often run in a dangerous manner, insurance rates are high indeed since scarcely a meeting passes without at least one horse being killed.

Around Christmas, Hunt Balls are held to raise more funds, often in Dublin, but preferably in historic country mansions. But while the followers are more international than before the war, the parties seem fewer and less gay; none was held to celebrate the centenary of John Peel's death, or, indeed, for the Oscar Wilde centenary.

But could huntsmen commemorate a poet who called them "the unspeakable in pursuit of the uneatable".—(London Express Service).

IAN JOHNSON TO LEAD

Melbourne, Jan. 18.

Announcing officially today that Ian Johnson would captain Australia in the Fourth Test against England, the Australian Selectors named Keith Miller as Vice Captain.—Reuter.

Billiards, Snooker Tournaments At Cheero Club

Individual Billiards and Snooker Tournaments will shortly be played at the Cheero Club, under the direction of Staff/Sergeant Darby. All Servicemen wishing to compete are requested to meet at the Club at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, January 21.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Racing

Second Day of Annual Race Meeting.

Athletics

C.C.O.D. Annual Meet at B.S. 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Golf

Mitchell Plate final; Ladies' Foursomes (RHKGC) First Round.

Motor Sports

Social Evening of M.S.C., B.A.T. Mess Room 7.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Meeting

HKFA Interport Sub-C'ttee Meeting at HKFA, Sports Road, 8.30 p.m.

Malayan-Singapore Rugger Team Coming Here

By "PAK LO"

This evening the various Pentangular selectors will congregate to pick a Colony XV and a Combined Services XV. The reason for these two selections is that very shortly the Colony will receive a visit from a Combined Malayan-Singapore XV.

At present the members who make up this team are unknown, but it is hoped that before their appearance here, in person, a pen portrait of each member will appear in print.

This team is not the Fijian XV, who will, if they are successful again in the Malayan-Singapore Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition, appear later in the season, but it is more than possible that some of the Fiji Regt. will be included.

During their stay here the Combined Malayan-Singapore XV will play two games. The first will be against a Colony XV on Thursday, February 4, and the second, against a Combined Services team, will be on Friday, February 5.

Both games will be played under floodlights and will therefore be held on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, starting in both cases at 8.00 p.m.

On Saturday, February 6, the visitors will be entertained in the evening at a cocktail party at the HKFC clubhouse. It has been requested that mention be made that all those interested in the party contact Ian Knowles, the Club Rugger Secretary (Tel. 30221) before January 29.

The Selectors this evening are to pick two teams, and to give you something to argue about here is my own selection which I think best fills he bill.

The packs have been chosen to produce weight, speed, line-out ability, a place kicker, and a good hooker.

NOT AN EASY JOB

Not an easy job with so many fine players available, and having tried it, I take my hat off to the Selectors. Later on in the week the Selectors' choice will be printed, and you can compare them with mine or your own if you feel you can improve on it (and you probably will).

It will be noticed that the Army and the RAF provide the greater number of the players, but this is to be expected if consideration is given to their success in the Pentangular.

My selections:

Colony: Logan (RAF), Edwards (Army), Hewitt (RN), Marsh (Pol), Ingall (Army), Brentford (Army), Parkinson (Army), Miller (RAF), Sleeman (RAF), Annandale (RN), Lamb (RAF), Todd (Pol), Penman (Club), Talamo (Club), Petrie (Club).

Combined Services: Logan, Edwards, Hewitt, Ingall, Brentford, Parkinson, Miller, Sleeman, Annandale, Lamb, Ferry, Hill, Danskin, Woolf.

INTER-UNIT

And here is the latest on the Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition, Third Round:

72nd LAA beat 14th Field Farm) beat 27th HAA 9-0.

72nd LAA beat 14th Field Regt. RA 17-5.

RASC. v. 1st King's Own (to be played off).

This gives the semi-finalists as:

27th Lt. Bty. (Far East Farm) v. RASC or 1st King's Own.

72nd LAA v. 42nd Field Regt. RA.

The final will be played on February 9 at Sookunpoo, of which more anon.

HONG PAIRS TOURNEY

The draw for the Semi-final Round of the Colony Hong Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship competition has been made and these matches, together with one outstanding quarter-final match, will be played this week-end and during the Chinese New Year Holidays.

The postponed quarter-final game between the Kowloon Dock pair, A. E. Elliott and R. Gourlay, and Standard Vacuum, C. E. Passos and A. A. Lopes, is scheduled for Sunday and one semi-final game—H.K. Police v Taikoo—will also be played on that day. The venue for both matches is Kowloon Bowling Green, Austin Road, and the start will be at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

The second semi-final tie, between the winners of the K.D.C. v Stan-Vac, originally arranged for Monday, January 24, has now been postponed to the next day, Tuesday, January 25 at K.B.G.C.

The following is the draw:

Sunday, January 23

Quarter-final (postponed match):

Kowloon Docks—A.E. Elliott and R. Gourlay v Stan-Vac—C. E. Passos and A. A. Lopes.

Semi-final: H.K. Police—T. Kavanagh and J. Goodman v Taikoo—A. C. Spence and S. McA Fraser.

Tuesday, January 25

Semi-final: Winner of K.D.C. v Stan-Vac v D.C.I. Revenue—D. Naish and S. Leonard.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

Hockey fixtures for the coming week-end have been drastically curtailed partly because of the Interport against Macao in Macao on Monday, and partly on account of the Chinese New Year Holiday early next week.

The Ladies' Division fixtures for Saturday have been completely washed out, and there will be only two First Division matches on Sunday.

In the Second Division, however, a full programme has been arranged.

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League:

SUNDAY

Men's First Division

RAF "A" v RN "A" on Kai Tak at 3.30 (Umpires F/Sgt Coxon, Sgt Darrill).

Recreio "B" v Dutch H.C. on Recreio at 3.30 (Umpires WOII Richardson, Mickey Rum).

Bye—Army "A" & "B", Recreio "A" and Nav Bharat "A".

Men's Second Division

RAF "B" v Sookunpoto "B" on King's Park at 2.30 (Umpires Sgt Moore, Sgt Gardner).

Knights v RN "B" on King's Park at 4.00 (Umpires Sgt Trafford, Sgt Allen).

Nav Bharat "J" v H.K.H.C. on Sookunpoo at 11 (Umpires Major Walker, G. T. Palmer).

K.I.T.C. v H.K.A.A.F. on King's Park at 11 (Umpires Major Boycott, H. Roza).

Police v Army "C" on Police Qd. at 3.30 (Umpires Lt. Herberts, Sgt English).

Bye—Sookunpoto "A".

FUTURE FIXTURES

January 29

Ladies' Division

Dorians "A" v Victorians; Recreio "A" v Recreio "B"; Services v K.G. V "A"; Dorians "B" v K.G. V "B".

Bye—Gremlins.

January 30

Men's First Division

Recreio "A" v Dutch H.C.; Recreio "B" v R.A.F. "A"; Nav Bharat "A" v Army "A"; RN "A" v Army "B".

Men's Second Division

Sookunpoto "B" v Nav Bharat "B"; HKAAF v Sookunpoto "A"; Knights v Army "C"; RN "B" v RAF "B"; Police v H.K.H.C.

Bye—K.I.T.C.

Umpires not able to meet their commitments should ring P. F. Xavier Tel. 26020 immediately.

INTERPORT PRACTICE

The HKHA announces that there will be an Interport Practice match on Sunday, at Sookunpoo commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The following are requested to attend, and all players are advised to bring both coloured and white shirts.

Army: Tribe, Smith, Potters, Bowell, Boxall, Felton, Allison, Peberdy, Scoones, Martin, Taylor.

Recreio: Nery, Remedios Jnr, L. Gutteres, Rosa, Castro.

Nav Bharat: Soares, Bhagat, Manjit, Mohinder, U. S. Dillon, Gurcharam.

Sookunpots: Yusuf, Dallah, Omar.

HKHC: Hayr, Coffey.

Umpire: J. B. Gonsalves.

Australian Selectors Accused Of Being "Batsman Happy"

Melbourne, Jan. 18.

There has been some criticism here regarding the Australian team for the Fourth Test starting at Adelaide on January 28.

But J. P. Millard, writing in the Melbourne Herald, says that whatever team was chosen, there would have been "chinks".

"The batting line up still does not inspire confidence," he said, "but the selectors can hardly be blamed. They had to take a lucky (or unlucky) dip from batsmen skittled in the last two Tests and in the recent Sheffield Shield game at Sydney. The sad truth is that since Lindsay Hassett's retirement, Australia has no really dependable Test batsman."

Millard said that Colin MacDonald as a Test opener looked a gamble, but so would the retention of Arthur Morris. Jim Burke, he said, was the type to infuse some stability into the batting.

Graeme Hole had proved too brittle and had to go, commented Millard. "The choice of Len Maddocks over Gil Langley might shock the cricket purists who went for the fast keeper regardless of batting, but in some ways it is a realistic move," he said.

UNLUCKY

"Langley is unlucky. But for an eye injury forcing him out of the Third Test, and in Australia's present desperate batting need, he would no doubt still be the Test keeper.

"Langley's batting has slipped in the last season or two and his omission is a warning to other tail-enders. Lindwall, instead, to brush up their batting for the Tests."

Millard said Ian Johnson was deservedly captain again. Australia's bowling, he said, was balanced and strong.

Returning to the dropping of Morris, he said: "The axe to Morris on the eve of his 33rd birthday may mean the end of his distinguished Test career. This is the first time he has been dropped from a Test on form since his debut in 1946".

In Adelaide (Langley's home town) two former international players commented on the Test keeper's omission. C. E. Pellew said: "It's a shocking thing." while Ben Mammence remarked: "It is a bad blunder."

Ray Barber, cricket writer for the Adelaide News, said Langley's omission amounted of panic and showed the selectors to be "batsman happy".—(China Mail Special).

THE GAMBOLS . . . . by Barry Appleby

KNOWLEDGE OF TACTICS COUNTS A GOOD DEAL IN MASSED START RACING

By "N'TACA"

In cycling, as in most sports, the race is not always to the swift, and many a Time Trial "Crack" has had the mortifying experience of finding himself left hopelessly behind and taking a back seat to riders not in his class when the question of bunched racing is on the agenda.

The factor which tips the scale in favour of the Massed Start Man is his knowledge of Tactics and his ability to apply that knowledge. It is a difficult task to teach such a subject but any rider can improve his chances of placing in bunched events if he memorises and puts into effect the following pointers.

DICTATE THE PACE OF THE RACE TO SUIT YOURSELF Every rider has his best speed, the speed which he can maintain with comfort over a long period. You should endeavour to control the pace of the race so that it approximates YOUR best speed.

This is where Team work comes into play, with teams working together to slow or speed up the field, allowing their own members to maintain or remake contact, or prevent "dropped-off" riders from other teams from rejoining.

Remember that a rider with a big gear cannot jump so easily when the field is setting a slow pace, and that one with a small gear finds difficulty in keeping with the bunch on long downhill swoops.

MAKE SURE YOU GET THE EASY RIDE YOUR OPPONENTS THE HARD ONE. When riding in a bunch look out for the easy patches of road and use them yourself. Ease them out to the exposed side of the group, so they give you shelter from the wind, at the same time ensuring they get none from you. Do everything in the Rules to get them unsettled, stop them thinking what they should do, keep them on the hop. Use a fairly low gear so that you can jump either to attack or to defend.

ATTACK YOUR OPPONENTS' WEAK SPOTS Are your rivals weak on hills, slow to get up speed, slow on descents, not at home on rough surfaces? Have they a "weak sister" among their team? Do they panic when an attack is launched against them? All these points, these weaknesses, are your keys to victory. Attack the WEAK spots. Break up the Team, then deal with the individuals.

ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK Every lapse on the part of an opponent should be the signal for attack. A missed gear-change; a puncture; a momentary spell of the "sags"; the unconscious relaxation which follows an attack; all these are opportunities to attack and unsettle the others in the race. Let "Attack" be your watchword, and see the dividends roll in. Too many of our Massed Start Races resemble nothing so much as "Ye Olde Englyshe Clubbe Runne", with everyone sitting tight in the group, waiting for the final spurt. This might be a fair plan if you have a Team of sprinters. Pretty silly otherwise.

I emphasise attack, but let it be intelligent attack. Choose your moment, when your opponent is least expecting it. Watch your rivals carefully, paying special attention to the sprinter sitting in at the back of the bunch.

One last word. Never, never, as I have seen done so often out here, take the field up to one of your own men. Let them take You, if they can. Then when they get you there, attack them again before they get themselves settled.

EASIER TO LOOK AT

Persons in every walk of life are judged to a large extent on the manner in which they dress, and cyclists are no exception. Non-cyclists watching a race are not at all impressed when they see riders attired in a variegated collection of garments, ranging from sleeveless vests and football knickers—knee-length of course, to ultra-brief shorts and violently-hued shirts, sleeves flapping wildly in the breeze.

It is, therefore, particularly encouraging to note the growing number of teams who are turning out for events in correct racing kit, wearing the regulation dark, tight-fitting shorts and neat jerseys in special Club Colours.

In fact, those who face the starter in "Tinkers Mufti" are now very much in the minority and it is to be hoped that they too will soon acquire the conventional costume. Apart from the important question of appearance, the wearing of distinctive Club colours enables riders, officials and spectators to pick out easily members of the different teams, an important point in close races. Clothes may not make a rider — but they can certainly make him easier to look at.

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It is always a difficult task to choose a suitable title for a new club, one which is neat and appropriate. I feel I must applaud the ingenuity (and the courage) of the person who evolved the name "Cygnets" for the Club of the RAF, Little Sai Wan. A little forced, perhaps, but a welcome change from the usual run of names, which generally have little to commend them other than familiarity.

GETTING CLOSER

A warning from the Hon Sec of the NTACA. The Three-Day Race is getting closer, and the latest date for entries is Monday, January 24. Entries must be accompanied by the Entry Fee of $5 per rider, and should show the name of the Club the rider is representing. There has been a change in the route for the Time Trial on the second day, due to the extensive work being carried out on the Castle Peak Road and in Kowloon. The Time Trial will now be over 35 miles, and the route used will be based on that for the NTACA Hilly "25".

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Owing to lack of sufficient entries, the proposed Track Meeting for January 23 will not now be held. The biggest trouble appears to be that the riders do not wish to dismantle their gear-equipped machines during this very busy period, and there is insufficient Track Racing in Hongkong to justify the purchase of special Track irons.

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Bill Gower, a very downy young "Cygnet" indeed, boosted himself to second place in the three-distance table for the "SCMP" BAR Cup, when he won the Kat Tak Exiles Open 100 miles T.T. on Sunday.

Of the starting field of ten, only two completed the course, the strong and cold wind taking its toll. The other finisher was Rip Poole, one of the four Exiles entries, who rode an excellent first "100".

Beck, who was expected to do well, was in a very strong position at just over 90 miles. Then a collision resulted in a buckled front wheel and his retirement, a disheartening end to a fine attempt.

But with two more "100s" to come, he can afford to be philosophical. Gower's time of 4-45-05 was close enough to the Colony record to cause a little worry to the holder, who was there to watch.

Another stronghold has been breached and another avenue for the dissemination of News and Views on Cycling has been made available to us. A cycling report will form part of the weekly "Sports Round - up" of Rediffusion, at 8.30 p.m. on Saturdays. May I hope that you will listen in?

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Question for the week. Which do you prefer, Prizes and Entry Fees, or No Prizes and no money to pay out?

Short Of The Record

Chicago, Jan. 18.

Herman Wyatt, the 1954 National AAU Indoor High Jump Champion, missed a world's record by a three-fourths of an inch on Saturday night at the Boston Knights of Columbus meet, it was revealed here today.

It was erroneously reported on Saturday by Dan Ferris, National AAU Secretary-Treasurer, that Wyatt had set the world's record with his jump of 6 ft. 10 inches.

Wyatt corrected himself today and said that the world's record is still held by Ken Wiesner, the Milwaukee dentist and former Navy Lieutenant, who cleared 6 ft. 10¾ inches at the Chicago Daily News Relays on March 28, 1953.

Wiesner's mark was approved as an American indoor record at the National Amateur Athletic Union Convention on November 27, 1953, in Washington, according to Mr T. Nelson Metcalf, University of Chicago Athletic Director and Daily News Relays head.

Mr Metcalf said, "Apparently there was an oversight by AAU officials in the East" when they said that Wyatt had set the record.

American indoor records are accepted automatically as world indoor records, since there is very little indoor competition outside of the United States.—United Press.

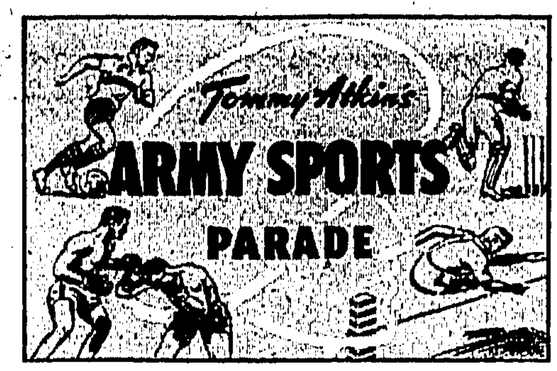
Island Of Mummies

(Continued from Page 4)

man on the island as much as had a cold.

Recently a 70-year-old professor asked for permission to go and live on the island—as he wished to live to be 100. A consumptive with a life limit of less than a year implored the Government to let him go and live on the island. He is still living there—after eight years—and he has not coughed once.

A year ago a Johannesburg businessman asked for permission to take his 18-year-old daughter, suffering from T.B., to the island in a last attempt to save her life. The request was granted and after seven months on the island the girl showed no traces of tuberculosis. She remained for another three months, however, and has had no recurrences of the disease.



It was a most difficult job deciding who should occupy the Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week. There were several worthy claimants for the position but after weighing up all the different performances I decided to award the top spot to Army South cricketer Clark for his brilliant bowling against Club de Recreio at the week-end.

Clark's accurate and fiery bowling swung the game in favour of his side and the Recreio batsmen were never able to take liberties with him.

His final analysis of 8 wickets for 35 runs is even more impressive when it is appreciated that his wickets were taken in just over 12 overs, and that four of these were maidens.

SOMETHING NEW

We were beginning to think that we had just about exhausted most of the different types and forms of sports since this column started just over a year ago but new and novel items are still turning up.

Information has just been received of a group of young enthusiasts who have banded together to build and sail wireless-controlled model ships.

According to our information the 'club' members have already built a couple of excellent craft and are having considerable success with their remote control vessels.

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Army football in Hongkong is getting a fair share of publicity in the United Kingdom as a result of the various representative awards that have been coming the way of the players.

Recent issues of newspapers in the North of England contain reports of Army football activities in Hongkong and make reference to the play of Robson and Wallace, who are, of course, both professionals with Workington FC, the Northern Section League side. The articles give good reports of the play of both players and add that their hometown fans will be interested to see them back in action again.

The latest news of Robson is that his first appearance in Workington colours has been delayed due to injury, but he is expected to be fit again very soon.

It is interesting to hear that Arsenal are again revealing that they have not forgotten the good displays by Robson before he was called up for National Service. This will no doubt be news to those people in the Colony who have been writing glowing recommendations on his behalf, for the Arsenal interest in Robson started almost three years ago, and was merely put in cold storage while he was serving overseas.

UNFORTUNATE

Wallace will leave the Colony in the next couple of days and like Robson he hopes to be back in action with his home club very soon. In many ways Wallace has been an unfortunate player during his comparatively short time in Hongkong.

His quiet but efficient play in the right back position never quite caught the eye of the Colony representative team selectors and his appearances in this class of football have been somewhat restricted ..... although many good judges considered that he had no superior in his position in Hongkong football.

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Congratulations to the Army hockey players who have been honoured by being selected for the forthcoming Interport games against Macao. Five players are given places in the official Hongkong interport team; four find places in the Rest of the Colony side; while two more are included among the reserves. The additional honour of captaining the Hongkong team is given to M. M. J. Petters . . . and a victory over our near neighbours would make the whole picture complete.

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The members of the REME boxing team were in fine form when they joined forces with Royal Air Force boxers to do a good turn for a worthy charity—Miss Dibden's Babies Home—at the Missions to Seamen on Monday evening. There was plenty of spirited fighting in the 10 bouts that made up the programme and in the end REME won the team event by 17 points to 10.

MAJOR SHARE

The Army competitors in the HKAAA Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last Sunday collected a major share of the honours and at the end of the afternoon they had 8 firsts, 11 seconds and 4 thirds tucked away in the bag.

The performance of Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regt. in breaking the Colony record in the 1,500 Metres was the top feat of the afternoon and brought a great deal of satisfaction to his friends who were sure that he could better the previous record of 4 mins. 17 secs.

This he did with a good time of 4 mins. 13.7 secs., and in such fine style that there is every hope that he will further improve on the new record before the season is very much further advanced.

L/Cpl. Smith's winning effort in the 5,000 Metres is also worthy of special mention and his time of 16 minutes 26.6 seconds was a very good one considering the bonehard condition of the track.

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The Army will be strongly represented at the Boxing Show which is being staged at the MacPherson Stadium on Saturday evening. This programme will present boxers from the three Services and from Chinese amateur circles and there is every indication that there will be a series of first class bouts to make the show one of the best that has been staged in the Colony for a long time.

It is known that the organisers are aiming high and with the excellence of the recent REME Boxing Club-China Gymnasium show still fresh in the minds of the boxing public there is sure to be a big crowd to give moral and vocal support to the men in the ring.

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The Army rugby team was well represented in the annual Taipan's Match at the Club Stadium last week-end. This game produced some excellent rugby and the afternoon was marred only by a nasty injury to Turvill., the Club player, who had a leg broken.

On behalf of all the players who took part in this otherwise most enjoyable match we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the injured player.

CURRENT FANCY

A few months ago it seemed as though most Army sportsmen had suddenly become Judo minded. Requests for information about Judo classes simply rolled in from all sorts of places and it is understood that many of the students who took up the mat game have maintained their interest and are still making good progress with this very old and useful sport.

Recently, however, weight lifting seems to have captured the popular fancy and I have received several requests asking for information about Clubs where enthusiasts — novices and experienced lifters — can get practice.

I have referred the requests to an appropriate authority and hope to have some useful information in the very near future.

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Army runners Lt. M. Sweeney and Lt. K. Burch will be in action at the Hongkong University Athletic Club Meeting on Saturday. They are taking part in the 440 yards event and with Colony Sprint Champion Stephen Xavier, Leung Kampo, Mike Curzon and M. C. Marsh among the other entrants there is every hope that a new Colony record will be established. The present record, 53.2 secs. was established by Cpl. T.E. Williams at Sookunpoo in 1951.

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Pte. Murray of the Essex Regiment made an excellent debut for the Army 'A' Soccer team against the Hongkong Football Club at the week-end. The team officials have great faith that Murray will do well and his hat-trick, scored from the inside-right position, suggests that the selectors' confidence is well placed.

Two new players who have recently arrived in the Colony are sure to get an early chance to show their paces in the 'B' team. They are Cfn. Crompton, a wing half who is on West Bromich Albion's books, and Pte. Williams a centre-foward connected with Walsall in the English League Third Division (South.)

SNIPPETS

And now a few snippets to close the column for this week ....It's 'Good-bye, good-luck and a safe journey home to Army soccer players Wallace and Stonehouse who leave tomorrow . . . January meeting of the soccer referees at Tavern, Chatham Road, at 10 a.m. on Saturday.... An indication that field offences will not be tolerated was given when the Land Forces Disciplinary Committee this week suspended five soccer players each for a period of three weeks ....return contests between Pte. Kelly and Henry Wong, and Sgt. Weaver and Pte. Melhenny on the bill at the MacPherson Stadium on Saturday.

FANLING GOLF

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club announces the draw for the Fanling Open Foursomes and the Fanling Open "Four-Ball" competitions and the dates on which the first round matches must be completed.

They are published for the information of players participating hereunder:

OPEN FOURSOMES

The following is the draw for the Fanling "Open" Foursomes:—

Byes into second round.—Capt D. A. Kennedy/ Maj P.V. Huyshe — J. D. Mackie/ R.M. Macpherson; Maj E.L. Land/Capt M.W. Jenkins — Maj D. Provan/Lt J.J.B. Walker; G.C. Moyle/D. Hung — F.C. Stuckey/L.D. Kilbee; H.W.E. Heath/J. J. Cowperthwaite — A.A. Lopes/C. H. Liang; Dr J. Gray/E.W.D. Gore — N.A. Brown/J.B. Kite; Capt A. E. Weatherall/A.H. Beckford — Y. T. Tsoong/S. Allen; A.R. Pinna/H. R. Pinna — J. J. Basto/J.A. Basto.

First Round.—R.R. Davies/J.W. Nichols — Capt H. Burt/J.L. Kay; E.M. Wisely/W. van Alst — W.M. Keay/E.C. Drown; J.E. Noronha/C. P. Basto—A.R. Petrie/I.G. Knowles; W.E. Hines/Maj C.D. Elrick — D. L. Anderson/W.N. Gray; Maj Monck-Mason/Lt P.A. Watt — A. Ho/J. F. Shoemaker.

Byes into second round.—L. Goldman/D.S. Robb — Winners of Monck-Mason/Watt and Ho/Shoemaker; Capt D. Galula/P. Simon — P.G. Cornish/A.F. Sutcliffe; D.R. Holmes/J.D. Clague — J. Wai/K.U. Dzung; N. Sykes/H. Bullock — R. M.T. Orr/W.P. Birtwhistle; A.D. Jones/A.E. Irvine — G.J. Mary/A. V. White; A.D. Duffy/E.S. Russell — W. Segrue/W.C. Choy; P.A. Laroche/R. Willoquet — F. Yeh/R. Pan.

First round to be completed by February 20, second by March 13, third by April 3, fourth by April 24, Semi-finals by May 8, and the final on or before May 22.

"OPEN" FOUR-BALLS

The draw for the Fanling "Open" Four-balls is as follows:

Byes into second round.—F. Yeh/R. Pan — Maj E.L. Land/Maj P. V. Huyshe; A. Graham/F.R. Zimmern — P.A. Laroche/R. Willoquet; N.P. Downie/A.B. Coleman — A.R. Petrie/R.P. Moodie; Capt M.W. Jenkins/Capt D.A. Kennedy — L. F. Stokes/E.C. Brown; D.L. Anderson/W.N. Gray — N.A. Brown/J.B. Kite; J. Wai/K.U. Dzung — A. Ho/J.F. Shoemaker.

First Round.—S. Allen/Y.T. Tsoong — L.D. Kilbee/F.C. Stuckey; S.S. Gordon/J.R. Leitch — Capt D. Galula/P. Simon; Capt H. Burt/J. L. Kay — F.D. Hunter/A.G.S. McCallum; J.R. Laughlin/P.D. Sladden — Dr J. Gray/E.W.D. Gore; W.E. Hines/Maj C.D. Elrick — H. W.E. Heath/J.J. Cowperthwaite; A. A. Lopes/C.H. Liang — Maj Monck-Mason/Lt P.A. Watt; A.R. Pinna/H.R. Pinna — J.E. Noronha/J.J. Basto.

Byes into second round. — A.D. Duffy/M.S. Douglas — Winners of Pinna/Pinna/Noronha/Basto; R. R. Davies/J.W. Nichols — G.J. Mary/A.V. White; A. Macdonald/A.E. Elliott — E.S. Russell/J.K. Watson; C.P. Basto/J.A. Basto — W.A.H. Belfour/W.J.D. Cameron; Maj A.E. Weatherall/A.H. Beckford — A.D. Jones/A.E. Irvine; P.G. Cornish/A.F. Sutcliffe — E.M. Wisely/W. van Alst; W. Segrue/W.C. Choy — R.M.T. Orr/W.P. Birtwhistle.

First round to be completed by February 13, second by March 6, third by March 27, fourth by April 17, Semi-finals by May 10 and the final on or before May 15.

WALLS BEATS SLADE

Toronto, Jan. 18.

Earl Walls, the Canadian Heavyweight Boxing Champion, outpointed Jimmy Slade of New York in a ten-round non-title bout here last night.

Victory for the Canadian avenged a defeat by Slade in New York in 1951, and helped his world title prospects. Slade also has a win to his credit over British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell when both were in the light heavyweight division.

Walls was not too impressive last night and his heralded knockout punch was never in evidence. Slade sometimes tied up the Canadian with his dancing weaving style.

Walls had a considerable weight advantage, scaling 14 stone 11½ lbs. to Slade's 12 stone 11¼ lbs.—Reuter.

Ron Barton Will Be Taking A Look At America This Year

By GEORGE WHITING

Cruiserweight Ron Barton, premier prospect in Britain's blood and knuckle business, will be taking a look at America in 1955. What is more important, America will be taking a look at Ron Barton.

The idea is that meat porter Barton—known down at Smithfield as the Marlon Brando of the carcase trade—shall occupy some six weeks of his time next summer studying American pugilistic methods.

If necessary, he would not mind busting a nose or two—strictly in the way of education, of course—in any available New York gymnasium. Stillman's, for instance.

The trip, which I have been asked to foster by Barton's manager, Arthur Boggis, should be of mutual benefit. The brilliant, 21-year-old Barton, handsome West Ham progeny of a Woolwich father and a Wexford mother, will assuredly have need of an international outlook if he continues to improve at the rapid pace of 1954.

APPRENTICE

As for the Americans, they will have seen no more natural fighter at his weight since Billy Conn, later to become a World Champion, was throwing apprentice punches.

Experience tells us not to get too excited about every good-looking youngster who can toss a left hook without falling over his own feet. But I am fortified in my belief in Barton by the shrewdly calculating minds of half the managers in England.

Consider the progress of this dark-haired young Apollo who learned enough about the rudiments of boxing to win the Amateur Middleweight Championship of Britain while serving in the RAF.

Early 1953 and we find Barton and your humble servant behind the Iron Curtain. The Poles, who that year were running the European Amateur Championships, took one look at the 120 competitors and decided that the man they wanted to lead the "Parade of Nations" round their Warsaw Stadium was Britain's Ron Barton.

Later that week, the youthful Barton broke the nose of a German, drew blood from an Italian, and got himself outpointed by a Czech.

Early 1954 . . . and we find Barton a fledging professional awaiting his first commercial contest down at Leyton Baths for the princely emolument of £25.

A cruiserweight called Jim Lindley was his opponent—but not for long. Inside of three minutes Mr Lindley had accepted such a persuasive punch on the jaw that he was no longer interested in blighting the pristine career of Mr Barton.

From that evening last February, Barton began contributing solidly to the record books. To date he has had 12 fights and won the lot with only three opponents still sufficiently combative at the end for the referee to have need of a score card.

And if an achievement of 12 wins in a total of 43 rounds of boxing sounds rather too easy, let manager Boggis disabuse us:

"Barton had up to 40 rounds of sparring for every one of those fights," he tells us.

"He trained for each bout as though it were a championship. He is learning his business in the only possible way—by boxing with the best. And the best, in his case, have included champions like Don Cockell, Johnny Williams and Alex Buxton."

£500 CLASS

Early 1955 . . . we now find Barton up in the £500 class, and within a fight or two of the British Championship held by the aforementioned Alex Buxton.

Turning down a name-your-own-price offer from New Zealand, Barton begins training in a Brighton public house next week for a Championship eliminator at the Royal Albert Hall on January 18 against Arthur Howard of Islington.

On February 8 he has a strictly commercial venture at Harringay against an as yet unnamed opponent, probably a Continental.

On March 8 he will be seen at Earls Court and it is revealing no secret to mention that certain parties would like the opposite stool to be occupied by Champion Buxton himself. However, Barton first has to beat Howard.

With good looks, hard knuckles, a boxing brain, a car, a modest banking account and a steady job, this young Barton fellow has the world before him.

May he stride through it with an unturned head—and holding the Union Jack as proudly as he once paraded it in Warsaw.—(London Express Service).

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DEATHS

FOX. Mrs Margaret Ord Fox passed away this morning, January 19, 1955, at her residence, Conduit Road, aged 80 years. The cortege will leave the H.K. Funeral Parlour at 4.00 p.m. tomorrow. A service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Glenealy, at 4.30 p.m. after which it will be interred at the Colonial Cemetery, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request.

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Rewards wanted for A-tip-offs in America

Washington, Jan. 18.

The Attorney-General, Mr Herbert Brownell, Jr, asked Congress today to authorise rewards up to $500,000 for tips on the illegal possession of atomic weapons or attempts to smuggle A-bombs into the U.S.

He also proposed that any aliens supplying such information be admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence. He said this provision would "encourage aliens to furnish information about the unauthorised introduction, manufacture or acquisition" of atomic weapons.

Mr Brownell requested similar legislation in the closing weeks of the last session of Congress. A bill was reported favourably by the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee and passed by the House. However, it never reached a Senate vote.

Just about a year ago, the Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, Mr J. Edgar Hoover, alerted police officers throughout the country to be on guard against enemy agents who might try to smuggle atomic weapons into the United States for sabotage.

At that time, the FBI made public a description of two types of atomic bombs or parts of bombs that might be smuggled in. It said one type probably would include high explosives to trigger the atomic bomb.

GUN-BARREL TYPE

It said the other might be a "gun-barrel" type of bomb with a barrel ranging from two inches in bore to as much as 12 inches in outer diameter and up to two and a half feet in length.

The FBI bulletin said pieces of either device "which might be smuggled would probably be of a size that could be carried on the person".—United Press.

TATTOOING TABOO

Moscow, Jan. 18.

A Russian sailor who has his favourite girl friend's name tattooed across his chest is likely to find himself accused of "humiliating human dignity."

In a letter to the youth newspaper, Komsomol Pravda, Dr I. Kurkovsky, Director of the Soviet Health Ministry's Institute of Medical Cosmetics, and Dr A. Kezryeva said they wanted to point out the harm of this "survival of the past."

The doctors said about 100 people a month were coming to the Institute for help in removing tattoos, and "almost all of them said they had done it when very young and influenced by a bad example." — China Mail Special.

U.S. ORDERS GUIDED MISSILES

Washington, Jan. 18.

The Navy disclosed today that it has placed a large order for Regulus guided missiles which can be launched from submarines or surface ships and apparently can carry atomic warheads.

A routine list of contracts announced by the Navy showed that Chance Vought Aircraft of Dallas, Texas, has received a $16,383,790 order for the jet-propelled Regulus missiles.

Informed Pentagon sources estimated that probably more than 50 of the missiles, a sizable quantity, could be bought for that price.

The Navy now has three submarines in the Pacific fleet which could carry such missiles, a spokesman said. They are the Cusk, Tunney and Carbenero. Two cruisers, the Boston and Canberra, are under conversion and nearing completion as guided missile ships. United Press.

British W. Indies Federation In Two Years?

Port of Spain, Jan. 18.

The Federation of the British West Indies islands, which may be transformed from a long-cherished dream into a reality within two years through the pivotal approving vote of Trinidad's Legislative Council, is seen by observers here as a blow to Indian ambition in this prosperous island.

The Indian population of Trinidad is estimated at between 33 and 28 per cent of the island's 660,000 people. They are fast growing in numbers, in prosperity and in influence.

Of all the polyglot communities which comprise the population, the Indians have shown the least desire to become assimilated. They maintain their customs, and follow their own system of close inter-marriage, against which it is said that a section of educated Indian feminine opinion is in revolt. They retain their own culture. It is not difficult to see that the Indian community is a big and growing fish in the pond that is Trinidad.

SMALLER FISH

With Federation of the islands, which will make them members of a community of over 3,000,000 people, they will be smaller fish in a bigger pond.

Their opposition to Federation is therefore understandable.

During the recent debate in the Legislative Council here, they opposed the London Federal plan with vigour during a debate which lasted 18 hours. They voted in a bloc against it.

The only Indian in the Government, Mr Ajodahsingh, felt unwell when the debate had run about two-thirds of its course and left the Chamber. He did not record his vote.

There were sharp exchanges between the Indian members and Cabinet Ministers and when it was all over the Minister of Labour, Industry, and Commerce, Mr Albert Gomes, one of the most fervent advocates of federation, made a statement strongly critical of Indian opposition in an interview.

"It is rather unfortunate that the Indians in Trinidad are developing an attitude which is now being regarded as an Indian attitude," he said.

"The peculiar position they are adopting is that if you are an Indian you cannot but be hostile to federation. That is a tragic thing and more tragic for the Indians than anyone else. It will affect all members of the federal community, the Indians among them."

Indian gloom that they will be "swamped" in the federal community is accentuated by the fear that after federation Trinidad will be a target for West Indian immigrants. They have openly stated that the problem of West Indian immigrants in Britain may be the island where they live.

But Mr Gomes does not subscribe to that view.

FEDERAL CUSTOMS

"Industrially, Trinidad is more developed than any other member of the proposed federation," he said. "Under federation there will be a federal customs union and we should enjoy an expanding market. We shall be able to send part of what we manufacture to the smaller territories."

But the question of inter-island immigration is one that will have to be tackled soon, and the Colonial Office is expected to call a conference on the subject in the near future.

Federation is definitely on the way. Most of the constituent territories in the plan have already signified their approval. The Upper House of Barbados, which is known as "Little England" and five other islands who have not yet approved the scheme are expected to do so very soon.

Federation is no new thing in the West Indies. An experiment on federal lines was carried out in 1705 in the Leeward Islands which lie some hundreds of miles to the north of Trinidad. That federation was replaced by another amended plan in 1871 and today the Leeward Islands are the only federation within the structure of the British Commonwealth.

When the new, bigger West Indian federal plan becomes a fact, eleven islands of varying importance and a number of smaller ones will be welded into one economic and social bloc.

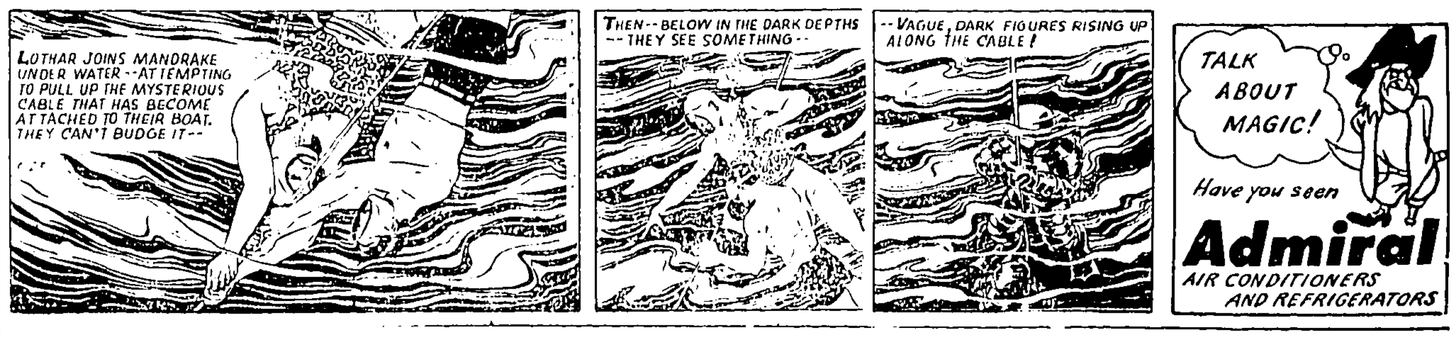
INDUSTRIAL ADVANCE

Jamaica, from which immigrants are streaming to Britain, will be the biggest. It has a population of about 1,300,000. Trinidad will be the most advanced industrially and economically.

The architects of federation are confident that the plan is workable and that ultimately it will operate for the well being of all the partners. They recognise that, like any infant scheme, it will have growing pains and that snags will be encountered. They argue, however, that progress is only made through a process of trial and error.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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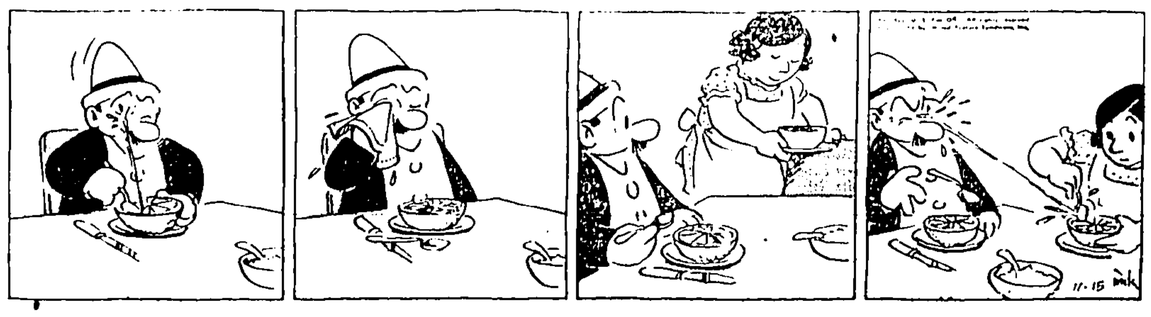


"THE JAM THAT MADE TASMANIA FAMOUS"

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

HUNT FOR SUNKEN TREASURE

Wellington, Jan. 18.

A British expedition of treasure seekers is coming to New Zealand waters aboard the 60ft. motor vessel Asbit Omen to search for the wreck of the sailing ship General Grant lost in the Auckland Islands in 1866.

The General Grant was driven ashore by a severe storm, the seas washing her into a huge cave stated to be on the western side of the main island.

The ship's manifest showed 2,570 ounces of gold aboard—about £30,000 worth—but legend has estimated the bullion at anything up to £2,000,000 worth.

Expeditions have gone, and tried their luck, and returned disillusioned. The lure of the sunken treasure has beckoned many.

A diver who was with an expedition to the islands in 1877 gave a description of the cave, but added: "I can safely say there is not any trace of the wreck in the cave."—Reuter.

PENGUIN LAND RACE IS ON

FIFTY-THREE years ago—when Scott reached the South Pole only to find that Amundsen had got there a month earlier—Antarctica was the no-man's land of the world. Today many nations have a stake in the Penguin continent: and three of them are now engaged in further exploration of this great land mass which is almost as large as South America.

Will Britain be the first to open it up? Or America? Or Australia? So far, Britain leads.

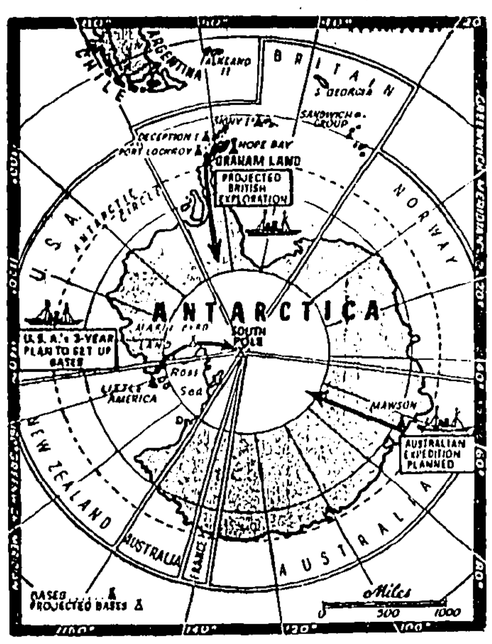
The British ship John Briscoe has in post-war years been a floating headquarters for research teams, and British explorers have made Graham Land the only part of the continent of which much is really known.

This month, plans are even being discussed for a 2,500-mile trek with huskies and sledges across the Pole from coast to coast.

Meanwhile, the Australians have just set up a new base at Mawson—the most southerly permanent base in the world. From here they, too, are preparing to move inwards towards the Pole.

They point to the new air-ways flights across the North Pole, and believe in the day when there will be Australian air routes over Antarctica.

The Americans have a three-year programme that was put into operation last week when 35 scientists left Boston in the ice-breaker Atka. They plan to set up three bases, including one on the Pole [illegible] and [illegible] search for oil, coal and uranium.



Spain Expects U.S. Benefits

Spain enters 1955 with the optimistic conviction that collaboration with the United States is likely to bring her substantial benefits during the year.

She was flattered by the visit to Spain during 1954 of two members of President Eisenhower's cabinet. Mr Charles Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr Harold Talbott, Secretary of Air.

Other American personalities who came to Spain during 1954 included Mr Stanley Hoff of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, and Admiral Carney, Chief of Naval Operations. There was a constant flow of high ranking United States defence officers and numerous Senators and Representatives.

Nor was this a one-way traffic. Spain's Ministers of Army, Air and Commerce each paid visits lasting several weeks to the United States and were much feted. Leading figures of the journalistic world such as Barcelona's famous writer, Senor Jose Pla, and Senor Francisco de Luis, manager of the important publishing firm Editorial Catolica, made long trips through the United States and wrote in enthusiastic terms about their visits. They were impressed to discover how active is Catholicism in the United States. Most Spaniards regard the United States as totally Protestant.

Highly Pleasing

All this coming and going is highly pleasing to a Spain, which, since 1939, has been living in isolation. The stiff, proud Spaniards find the dynamic ways of the Americans contagious. They appreciate gestures such as that of the giant carrier, Coral Sea, whose crew, as she passed through the Straits of Gibraltar during Christmas, formed up on deck to spell in Spanish the greeting "Feliz Navidad" (Happy Christmas).

These little touches often mean more than elaborate diplomatic efforts.

Perhaps the most striking internal note in 1954 was General Franco's opening of negotiations with the Pretender, Prince Juan of Bourbon, for the latter's 16-year-old son, Prince Juan Carlos, to be given an education in Spain fitting him to succeed, eventually, as head of state.

Prince Juan has still not said: "Si!" (Yes). He is only 41 himself and feels that he should not be "by-passed" from the crown. But the latest impression is that he will agree in the end.

General Franco has had sharp exchanges of opinion with Britain and France over Gibraltar and Morocco respectively.

Britain regarded the visit to Gibraltar last May of the beautiful young Queen Elizabeth as a routine Royal visit to a British colony. General Franco saw it as a studied humiliation of Spain by Britain. He has set up a series of border controls which affect Gibraltar's economic life and recreational activity. As the year ended, the issue seemed to have receded somewhat into the background.

Spain's enthusiasm for the cause of Mohammed V of Morocco, deposed by the French, has caused icy relations with France during 1954. M. Mendes-France has smoothed out the situation somewhat by promising to keep Spain informed of any fundamental changes in Morocco, where Spain also has a Protectorate.

Economically, 1954 was not particularly good, although a bumper wheat crop of some 4,000,000 tons, believed to be the third best of the century, and the beginnings of United States aid to Spain helped to sustain conditions.

Critics say that the basic trouble is lack of a long term economic policy. However that may be, the excess of imports over exports is considerable and this situation was sharply highlighted when Germany recently decided that no more German goods would be shipped to Spain until her outstanding trade debt of 15,000,000 dollars (£5,000,000) had been paid.

Farmers Grumble

Farmers rumble at the importers of Dutch cheese, Catalan textile firms look askance at Swiss cloth advertised in the daily newspapers, one of Spain's two penicillin plants is idle following imports from the United States, critics consider that the thousands of new motorcars being imported are out of proportion to Spain's economic position.

They declare too, that Spain is spending too much money on less necessary imports instead of concentrating on urgently needed machinery, transport and farm tractors.

With most of Spain affected by electric power cuts of from 20 hours a week upwards, critics think that more energetic action is needed to import the plant to remedy the situation.

Some of Spain's leading banks are considering forming a committee of the nation's leading economists to work out an "economic plan" for Spain—something like France's "Monnet Plan", the success of which has made a deep impression on Spain's economic circles.

General Franco worked hard during 1954 to cement his friendship with the Arab League nations and his criticism of the French for deposing Mohammed V helped along this policy. Abdel Khalek Hassuna, secretary of the Arab League, was lavishly entertained during a three weeks' stay in Spain.

General Franco seems to have been watching Mediterranean affairs particularly closely. Another honoured guest to Spain was Marshal Papagos, Prime Minister of Greece.

General Franco himself was invited aboard the Coral Sea to watch exercises by the United States 6th Fleet and a promise was made that joint naval exercises shall be held by Spain and the United States.

Latin America

Nor did General Franco neglect Latin America. Generalissimo Trujillo, "strong man" of the Dominican Republic, was another visitor to Spain. On the other hand, Argentina showed displeasure at the failure to reach a settlement for the payment by Spain of over 2,000 million pesetas (£20,000,000) owed to Argentina for some years now.

Mr Malenkov changed Stalinist policy towards Spain to the extent of returning home during 1954, the 286 Spanish "Blue Division" prisoners held by Russia since 1942.

Trials of "oppositionists" included one of 15 Freemasons, another of 17 Anarchists, and a third of 15 Basque Nationalists. Low sentences or acquittals predominated, but a surprise was the rounding up from their homes last July of 39 Barcelona Communists allowed out of prison after sentences of 6 to 1 years in 1953 and who were given new sentences ranging from 20 years to 1 year.

Critics summed up 1954 as a good year for General Franco in the foreign and political fields, but predict the need in future for basic economic planning, with possibly more austerity as regards imports.—China Mail Special.

Ants Eating Into Italian Culture

Hordes of voracious termites are silently, secretly, gnawing at the heart of Italian culture.

In Florence public archives, museums, in the palaces of the Roman nobility, in Renaissance buildings which are museums in themselves, the little white ants have been seen at work destroying priceless volumes and priceless novels, valuable records and documents, antique furniture and the very beams which support palaces and lesser buildings.

The first cry of alarm at the menace of the termites was heard in Italy in 1947, when the efforts to organise an effective anti-termite campaign were instituted.

Since then, the hordes—biggest in Southern Italy at the time have ranged as far north as Venice. On the way, they have infected the National Library at Florence the Church of St Peter and St Domenic (a national monument) at Perugia, the Gallery of Modern Art in Rome, the historically important archives of the Ministry of Justice in Rome and other notable buildings.

Termites, whose only relation to the common household ants is their strict division of labour and extremely busy life, were once thought to thrive exclusively in warm climates.

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But the fact that, in Italy at least, they have invaded the fairly cold northern cities of Genoa and Venice, as well as innumerable old towns between the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coasts, has shown that they can also live—and ravage—in the cold.

"It is all a matter of appetite, I think," said an Italian who has been studying the problem for a long time.

Termites eat wood and paper. They set up colonies in the foundations of old buildings whose humidity is ideal for the termite constitution, and systematically wreak havoc on paper and wood within striking distance.

When the supplies within reach dwindle, the colony moves to a more prosperous hunting ground.

The unlimited provisions in libraries and old palaces, with their volumes of delicious, time-ripened paper, and soft, mouldering furniture, are an irresistible lure for the termites.

The damage they cause was vividly illustrated in Rome recently, when a student browsing in a public library opened a valuable old edition of Dante's Divine Comedy and found a void between the two engraved covers. The pages of the book had been completely eaten away by the termites, a colony of which was found nestling in a gaping crack in the wall behind the bookshelves.

Students of the termite menace also recount that an unnamed Cardinal of the Roman Curia got into bed one night some years ago—and was found minutes later on the floor, kicking wildly. Servants discovered that termites had gnawed away the upright chisel-like of the massive, wooden bed.

Termites [illegible] the Cardinal several Vatican City officials about five years ago, menacing the Vatican Library with the loss of priceless old volumes and manuscripts. But the pests were found and exterminated before any real damage was done.

From all over Italy have come stories of termite ravages: valuable frescoes irreparably mutilated, the wooden altars of old churches undermined, the frames of paintings peppered and rotting fixtures completely nibbled out by a busy colony.

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The total damage is still most stable.

But the seriousness of the termite threat to the nation's cultural centres was underlined at a recent congress at Cesena, in west central Italy, where aspects of the fight to exterminate termites were discussed.

The Italian Government first took alarm at the menace in 1950, after much prompting from museums, libraries, book collectors and owners of valuable buildings.

Draft laws providing for funds to combat the threat were prepared. But it was not until 1952 that they were finally passed by Italy's two Houses of Parliament and 750,000,000 Lire (£431,000) set aside for the anti-termite campaign.

A privately-financed campaign had by then been in progress for five years—with little success.

Now, with ample funds at their disposal, the campaigners redoubled their efforts.

Their attacks on the termites aim at eliminating the humidity in nationally important buildings, like big public libraries and art galleries, repairing old walls and decayed beams which may attract colonies of the insect, and substituting metal for wood wherever possible, especially in the foundations of public buildings.

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The best disinfectant is found to be Xylamon, a product also widely used abroad against destructive insects.

Although this campaign has started, delegates to the Cesena congress stressed that only all-out efforts can counter a threat as serious as that of the termites.

The ambiguous wording of the 1952 laws force those engaged in the fight to ignore private buildings. Termites can therefore nest in private buildings, multiply, train fresh workers and reinforce their ranks for attacks on the buildings which count.

The conclusions of the Congress, now being studied by the Government, were that public funds should be increased and fighters given a free hand to strike wherever the termites can be found, whether in a Cardinal's bed or the beams of a Gothic cathedral.—China Mail Special.

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

CANADA'S DEBTORS

Five Nations In Default

Ottawa, Jan. 18.

Canada's foreign debtors paid off $92,883,000 on their loans during 1953, the Auditor General, Mr Watson Sellar, reported today, but Greece, Rumania, China and Czechoslovakia defaulted.

Mr Sellar reported loans to foreign governments totalled $1,772,000,000 at the end of the 1953-54 fiscal year.

Rumania had defaulted on $24,392,000, and Greece on $6,525,000 "for many years." Mr Sellar added that the Czechs default on $9,000,000 that became due then. Since then a settlement for payments in five annual instalments has been worked out.

Russia paid $68,597,000 on its debt, leaving a $5,395,000 balance owing at March 31, 1954.

Britain paid $63,192,000 and owed 1,284,623,000 at the end of March. It has been repaying principal on loans as the payments fell due.

Other payments were made by Belgium, $2,307,000, France $9,[illegible],000, the Netherlands $5,[illegible],000, Indonesia $1,545,000 and Norway $2,628,000.—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Jan. 18.

The rubber market opened steady with some trade buying but later sagged with interest slackening and some profit-taking.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb	Feb	99½-99¾
	Mar	99-99⅛
	Apr	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb	Feb	97⅞-97⅝
No. 3		94⅝-94⅞
No. 4		94-94¼
Spot rubber unbaled		97⅝-98⅛
Blanket crepe		89¾-90⅝
No. 1 pale crepe		102-103

NEW YORK

Futures closed today 25 to 40 points higher with sales of 111 contracts.

Emergence of a broader factory and dealer interest, following in the wake of higher prices for limited Eastern shipment offerings, and Singapore half-cent parity over the local market, brought a smart rally a shaky opening.

In the spot market a fair-sized tonnage was worked to factories and dealers. Reports sales included March one sheets at 33 cents in the forenoon, but buyers were around at ⅛ to ¼ cent higher in the afternoon. March three sheets were done at 32⅝ and later at 32⅞ cents a pound, delivered, landed basis. Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 33⅜ cents.

Future closings were:

Mar.	33.25
May	33.25
July	33.00
Sept.	32.80
Dec.	32.65
Mar.	32.10

LONDON

The market was barely steady. No. 1 spot Rss were quoted at 28⅝ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rss	28⅝-28¾
Settlement house term:	
March	28⅝-28¾
April/June	28⅝-28⅞
July/September	28½-28⅞
October/December	28⅜-28½
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
January	28 9/16-28¾
February	28 7/16-28⅝
March	28⅜-28⅝
Estate crepe thick Feb.	30
thin	30

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif February as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.76 nom.
No. 2 rubber	2.77 nom.
No. 3 rubber	2.75 nom.
No. 1 crepe	2.97 nom.

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

	London, Jan. 18.
New York	2.78-7/16-2.78-13/16
Montreal	2.68-15/16-2.69
Amsterdam	10.58½-10.58⅝
Brussels	139.77½-139.92½
Copenhagen	19.36¾-19.37
Paris	976¾-976⅞
Zurich	12.23½-12.23¾

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 18.

Cotton prices today steadied after a mixed opening and closed on higher ground for the first time in the past eight sessions.

Technical replacement buying, plus a subsidence of active hedge selling, and a routine demand from domestic textile mills and exporters acted to turn the tide.

Liverpool brokers, leading sellers of the new crop positions in the forenoon, when an estimated 5,000 bales were put into the ring, became noticeably less active after the British market closed.

Final prices ruled 1 to 8 points higher. The market opened unchanged to off 4 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to up 7 points.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
Mar	24,000	746,500
May	25,000	1,170,700
July	19,700	645,100
Oct	9,800	183,300
Dec	6,600	109,600
Mar	4,500	61,600
May	7,900	65,100
Total	99,100	2,989,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.95n
Mar.	34.44
May	34.75
July	34.93
Oct.	34.73
Dec	34.80
Mar	34.95
May	35.15
July	35.07

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.10
Mar	34.42
May	34.73
July	34.94-95
Oct.	34.75
Dec.	34.61
Mar.	35.13
May	35.15

LIVERPOOL

Cotton closing, American middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Mar./April	32.18
May/June	32.23
July/Aug	32.12-13
Oct./Nov	31.90
Dec./Jan.	31.93

Official values for spot cottons include:

American middling 15/16th inch	32.76
American middling S. L. middling 15/16 inch	29.60
American middling 1-1/32nd	34.39

Others were unchanged.

SAO PAULO

Futures closing, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March	31.25
May	30.55
July	29.65
Oct.	30.50
Dec.	30.60

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at 10 designated spot markets was 34.08 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 29,467 bales.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 19.

Brokers today quoted to following stock prices:

	Jan. 18 Closing	Jan. 19 Opening
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	35	35
Consolidated Tin Smelters, Ordinary issue	28/6d	28/6d
Fraser and Neave Ltd., Ordinary issue	$2.00	$2.00
Fraser and Neave Ltd., 7½% cum. pref	$6.60	$6.60
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation (Colonial Register)	$1,115*	$1,110*
Malayan Breweries	$4.05	$4.05
Raffles Hotel	$2.72	$2.72
Singapore Cold Storage	$2.00	$2.00
South British Insurance	$20.25	$20.25
Straits Trading	$25.00	$25.00
Straits Steamship	$17.10	$17.10
United Engineers, Ordinary issue	$13.30	$13.20
Weaving Brothers	$2.90	$2.90
Hongkong Tin	$/3	$/3
Pointing Tin	$3.52†	$3.52†

*ex-div. †ex-capital. ‡with div.—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 18.

Stocks turned up today after a five-session decline had cut some $5,000,000,000 from market valuations.

The rise was accomplished without enthusiasm, however, and on relatively light turnover—3,020,000 shares compared with 3,360,000 shares yesterday.

Aircraft shares, steels, rails, some oils and chemicals and a number of special issues featured the upturn which was best described as "technical."

Recent selling has lowered prices of many issues to a level where some new demand was to be expected. With no new stimulus, however, and with the overhanging cloud of the Federal Reserve move to tighten credit working against the market, the demand was not vigorous.

AVERAGES

Industrial shares averaged 2.78 higher; rails 1.22 higher and utilities three cents higher. Out of a total 1,271 issues traded, 640 were higher, 371 lower.

Steels as a group were among the best performers.

Some of the widest moves came in aircrafts where Douglas climbed 6⅝ points, General Dynamics 4¾, Boeing 2⅞, Lockheed 2⅜, Glenn Martin 2 points and Northrop Aircraft 1⅞.

Rails used in the average had gains ranging to 2 points in Union Pacific.

A few oils held the spotlight. Texas Pacific Coal and Oil featured right from the opening when it appeared on a 40,000-share block. It opened fractionally lower but moved up steadily on heavy turnover to close 4⅞ points higher at $55⅜ in first place on the active list.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,371,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 900,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages today on Wall Street were as follows:

30 industrials		390.98
20 rails		139.06
15 utilities		62.09
65 stocks		145.33
40 bonds		100.69
Comm. future price index		169.54

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Noon quotations on the Hongkong Stock Exchange and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	2115	2120	2 @ 2130
			5 @ 2125
			00 @ 2120
			3 @ 2130
			3 @ 2130
East Asia	214		
INSURANCES			
Lombard		50	
Underwriters	10.40		
Indo-China (Def.)			300 @ 39
Asia Nav	74c		
DOCKS, ETC			
K. Wharf		60	
Dock		27.00	
Provident (O)		15.60	
Wheelock	7.35	7.40	500 @ 7.40
			1000 @ 7.35
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel	15½	15.70	500 @ 15.70
HK Land	71	71½	300 @ 71½
Humphreys		25.60	50 @ 25.10
			10 @ 25
Realty	2.125	2.175	2000 @ 2.15
			13000 @ 2.15
UTILITIES			
Tram	22.20	22.40	
Star Ferry	158	160	
Yaumati Ferry	188	191	200 @ 189
			100 @ 190
			150 @ 190
			300 @ 190
C. Light (O)	18.20	18.30	200 @ 18.40
			200 @ 18.40
			2000 @ 18.30
			1000 @ 18.30
C. Light (N)	15.20	15.40	1000 @ 15.30
			500 @ 15.30
Electric	39¼	39½	1000 @ 39½
			300 @ 39½
			500 @ 39½
			500 @ 39½
			300 @ 39½
			200 @ 39½
Macao Elec	12½	13	
Sandakan	9.10		
Telephone	35	35½	1000 @ 35
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	42	42½	500 @ 42½
			500 @ 42½
			1000 @ 42½
Rope		18.30	500 @ 18.30
			500 @ 18.30
STORES, ETC			
Dairy	24½	24.60	
Watson			100 @ 17½
			200 @ 17½
			100 @ 17.60
L. Crawford		20.00	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp		6⅞	
Nanyang		9½	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yongtsze			2000 @ 6.10
Allied	4.40	4½	7750 @ 4.425

New York Foreign Exchange

	New York, Jan. 18.
Canada	$1.03½
England-official	2.78-7/16
unofficial	2.67-2.69
30-day futures	2.78-15/32
90-day futures	2.78½
Australia	2.22½
New Zealand	2.77⅝
South Africa	2.78-13/16

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

G.M. Offer To Buy 'Surplus' Models

Detroit, Jan. 18.

General Motors, America's biggest automobile producer, has offered to buy back any "surplus" cars from its dealers in an attempt to cut down on illegal sales of new cars to used car dealers.

The Corporation President, Mr Harlow H. Curtice, announced the plan in a policy statement to 18,500 dealers and distributors.

Mr Curtice said General Motors is prepared for the balance of the 1955 model year "to repurchase or to arrange for repurchase by other General Motors dealers in other areas" any new and unused passengers cars that might be considered "excess surplus."

He said the new plan was aimed at enabling a dealer "who finds himself in an oversupply position because of local and temporary factors which in his opinion are adversely affecting his normal business operations" to get rid of the supply.

"Bootlegging" of new cars has plagued the industry for the past several years. New cars have appeared in used car lots at prices below regular prices. Some dealers, caught with inventories above normal in the "buyers market" in recent years, have wholesaled the new cars to used lots and other "unauthorised" outlets.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.27
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.27
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100)	17.70
Siam Ticals (per 100)	27.60
Singapore (Straits)	1.80
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	19.15

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 18.

World No 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 207 contracts.

Domestic No 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 21 contracts.

World trade activity featured switching of March contracts to later positions, along with trade adjustments following in the wake of more activity in the raw market.

Dealers understood Holland bought 3,000 tons Haytian raws, April-May shipment at 3.14 cents a pound f.o.b., and a cargo of Cuba's Fob./March shipment at 3.16 cents, Switzerland bought 6,000 tons of Cuba's and Sweden some Cuba's both at 3.15 to 3.16 cents.

Domestic futures were quiet and generally featureless.

Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)	
Mar.	3.17
May	3.18
July	3.15
Sept.	3.15
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.15
Contract No. 6	
Mar.	5.46
May	5.53
July	5.60
Sept.	5.65
Nov.	5.64
Spot (cents per lb. ex-duty) NY	5.45

—United Press.

CHINA MAIL
Established 1845

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

'You're Wanted'

HE was at his work in East London, when they came to him and said: "You're wanted on the telephone—it's the police."

"Sure it's not Buckingham Palace?" he said. He was not the sort the police rang up on royalty.

His fellow-workers in the office watched as he picked up the telephone. "Yes?" he said into the receiver. "Martin here?"

Then, "No, no, no, there must be some mistake," the listeners heard him say. And those whose eyes, as well as ears, were trained upon their colleague, saw how the colour had drained from his face.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

"I'LL come straight away," Martin said into the telephone. He put down the receiver, and hurried to ask for leave of absence from his desk. It was granted.

He put on a coat and hat, and hurried towards the address he had been given over the telephone—the address of Clerkenwell Court.

At the court, a little earlier, Martin's wife, whose name was Hilda, had pleaded guilty, before Mr Frank Powell, to a charge of stealing from a shop. She had taken three pairs of men's gloves, one pair of women's, two brooches, two pairs of stockings, a shirt, a pair of trousers. A total valued at £9 4s.

FALSE NAME

"I SHOULD add," said the officer in charge of Hilda's case, "that at first she gave a false name and address, and said that she was a widow.

"In fact, she is a married woman, 50 years old. She has five children, the eldest aged 24, who is married now, the youngest a boy of 12 . . ."

The magistrate turned to Hilda. "Does your husband know about this?" he asked her.

Hilda, a neat little woman in a blue coat with lizard brooches on the lapels, and a matching hat, half-sobbed: "I haven't told him. I haven't told anyone."

"I suppose he ought to know," said the magistrate.

GET IT OVER

"OH, please, please, no," Hilda cried. "I don't know what possessed me yesterday. I just took my boy to the shop to get another aeroplane in place of one he was given for Christmas, that the dog chewed up. While he was looking at aeroplanes I . . ."

"Where is your husband now?" Mr Powell inquired.

"At work."

"I think I must see him."

"Oh, no," Hilda pleaded.

"The sooner you get it over the better," said the magistrate. He gave instructions to the police.

SO AMAZED

THE court adjourned, for the morning's list was short. It reassembled when Hilda's husband arrived. He was shown to the witness-box, a lean, bewildered man, with wavy hair.

"This is a terrible shock," he said.

"I really wanted you here because I think the husband ought to know about these things," said Mr Powell.

"I'm just so amazed. I don't know what to say. My wife's not been well. I've asked her to see a doctor, but, but . . ."

"Well, I'm going to discharge her now, so that you can take her away," said the magistrate. "You will be able to see that she has any medical attention she needs."

"Oh, thank you, sir," Martin said, and he hurried away to help his wife bear the blow her actions had inflicted on them both.

BRITAIN TRIES TO DEPORT A PROBLEM WOMAN

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 19.

A woman the Home Office wants to deport is still in Britain after nine months' effort to get rid of her.

No country this side of the Iron Curtain will accept Zdenka Schonova. And she says that if she goes back to her native Czechoslovakia she will be executed.

The deportation order against brown-haired, bespectacled Zdenka was made nine months ago. The Home Office suspected that she informed on her fellow-Czechs for the Soviet Embassy.

Since the order was made she has spent 114 days in Holloway Gaol. Now she lives at home in London with her husband—under constant supervision.

Peter Arton, 32-year-old Czech-born London businessman, who was arrested at the same time as Mrs Schonova, was deported to Israel in April, a few hours after his wedding.

Israel, Holland and France have all refused to take Mrs Schonova. The Home Office is still trying to find a country that will have her.

There is no time-limit to the deportation order. If she stays in Britain for another 50 years she will still be liable to be sent away.

WEB OF TERROR

Since the war there has been a Communist terror-web in Britain. It still thrives.

There is an underground army of British and foreign agents carrying on the nerve-war against European and Russian refugees.

Till this network is smashed these men, women, and children will live in fear.

Though personal visits to the refugees from Communist agents have largely ceased, they are receiving letters and enticing "Come back home" books from Iron Curtain countries.

FREE TRAVEL

At Bradford, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester, and Leeds European workers have received letters, newspapers, and propaganda through the post. Some have had personal visits from Russian agents.

All the propaganda aims to induce the foreign worker to return to the other side of the Iron Curtain. Letters bearing the address of the Soviet Consulate in London have enclosed forms to be filled in with names and personal details.

They promised free travel, free accommodation, free medical treatment.

At Bradford, where Polish priest Father Borynski disappeared a year ago and where a Ukrainian woman committed suicide through fear of being forced back to her own country, the refugees have been subjected to a heavy propaganda campaign.

Pastor Robert Abolins, leader of Bradford's Latvian community, showed a book he received recently, printed in Latvia.

'IT IS SPRING'

It is entitled "It is Spring in My Home Country" and contains photographs of Russian girls in national costume.

Said Pastor Abolins: "They are keen to get us back behind the Iron Curtain because we are the living witnesses of a free way of life. But none of our people has gone back. None will go back."

Father L. Dorosz, 64-year-old Ukrainian priest, said: "What frightens us is how the agents gets hold of names and addresses. It makes us fear that spies are among us."

At Rochdale Mr Toma Mardaljevic, 35-year-old Yugoslav, said: "Many of us receive letters from the Communists. They get up to all kinds of tricks to induce us to return home.

GAOL—OR WORSE

"They suggest that pressure will be put on our families. To go back would be to land in prison, or worse.

"England has given us security, and we shall not throw it away."

Mr Skalskyj, secretary of the Society of Ukrainians in Oldham, Lancashire, said: "About six families have been visited, usually around midnight. The visitors spoke in Russian, and asked why the families did not return to the Ukraine.

"Sometimes the visitors said they were policemen just to get inside the house, but this was reported and the visits have stopped."

Even British-born people are not immune. A cockney woman born and bred in Bethnal Green, whose father had a Lithuanian name, was visited by men from the Soviet Embassy. They asked if she would like to go home. She laughed. But they never believed her. They still send her Communist papers and magazines.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Hollywood must be a funny place—these movie stars getting divorces because they're henpecked!"

'Second Pearl Harbour' Danger Warning By UK Aircraft Expert

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 15.

Sir Thomas Sopwith, chief of 65,000 workers making aircraft and guided weapons for the defence of Britain, has warned of the danger of "a second Pearl Harbour".

He declared: "If war does come it will come with supersonic speed, and probably in an opening sneak attack."

He was speaking at the annual meeting in London of the Hawker Siddeley group, which makes Hunter fighters, Javelin all-weather fighters, Avro Vulcan bombers, and the Sapphire jet engine.

Sir Thomas gave this estimate of Britain's defence position:

"For years to come there will be a dual pattern to any aggressor's movements and we must be prepared for both kinds—all-out atomic warfare and local penetration.

"To provide defence against 'supersonic' war needs equipment and trained manpower, and that policy requires money, time, and decision.

"If we falter in building up our nation's strength, if we allow our national effort to be sidetracked now, we are asking for trouble."

THIS MUST NOT BE

Already, even before the Royal Air Force is fully equipped with modern weapons, there are powerful voices raised seeking to reduce our protection. They say that at last we can reduce armaments.

"This must not be allowed to happen. It should be plain to everyone that we are in the age of the hydrogen bomb, a weapon of destruction so vast and so horrifying that it staggers the imagination.

"We hold this weapon—and so do our potential enemy. There are those who say: 'If this be true let us abandon all hope of defence.'

"But you cannot turn back the clock. The hydrogen bomb and the horrors of atomic warfare are from now on an ever-present menace. The one sure way to invite disaster is to pursue a policy of weakness."

Further Cross-Examination Of Psychiatrist In The Quie Case

A suggestion that his opinion that Mr Joseph L. Quie was perfectly sane when he examined him in London on July 23, 1952, was "no help whatsoever to this Court, trying as it is to ascertain the true position on March 12 and March 30" the same year, was made by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, to Dr Ellis Stungo, Harley Street physician and psychiatrist, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Dr Stungo replied that he was not concerned with the examinations in March at all.

Mr Quie, a merchant, is suing three Government doctors for $250,000 as damages for alleged injury to himself from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation, or for the certification of the plaintiff as being of unsound mind, and his consequential confinement in a mental home.

Defendants are Dr P. M. Yap of the Mental Hospital, Dr S. H. Moore of the Medical Department, and Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean of Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr Quie is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Leong and Mr R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

Defendants are represented by Mr Blair-Kerr and Mr J. C. McRobert.

When hearing resumed this morning, Mr McNeill was granted leave to call a witness before the continuation of Dr Stungo's cross-examination.

The witness was Prof. S. G. Davis, Head of the Department of Geography and Geology at the Hongkong University. Witness testified that he was a keen student of ancient Chinese history, and from time to time had given talks on the subject.

MIAO TRIBES

He said he had made a two-month trip to West China, and had given a lecture in 1946 on the Miao Tribes. The Miaos, he said, were possibly the indigenous tribes of China, and they were affected by the acts of various aggressors.

Questioned by Mr Winter, Prof. Davis agreed that Genghis Khan would be one of these aggressors. "He was probably the greatest aggressor of the whole lot," he added.

Asked about the term "Hakka", witness said it meant a "guest", but it also meant a "stranger". He found it was a term coined by the local people particularly the Cantonese, with their tongue in their cheeks, to indicate a marauder "coming in from outside".

Asked by Mr Winter to give an opinion of the relationship between Genghis Khan and the Hakka, witness said Genghis Khan and his grandson, Kublai Khan, were intent on establishing an Empire, the great Mongol Empire. In those days, China was not unified, particularly South China, and the soldiers of Kublai Khan came to this part of the world.

These soldiers settled here and became fairly mixed. Thus, they and the mercenaries they had picked up, dominated the place completely for centuries, until the Ming Dynasty.

His Lordship told witness that he took it that what he was saying was that these Mongol soldiers and their followers were connected with the word Hakka. Prof. Davis replied in the affirmative.

QUESTIONING RESUMED

Mr Blair-Kerr had nothing to ask the witness, and Dr Stungo entered the witness box once more.

Questioned by Mr Blair-Kerr, he agreed he had said that on July 23, 1952, he examined Mr Quie and found him to be perfectly sane and normal. He agreed also that he did this on the strength of his personal examination and on Mr Quie's history as given by himself.

He agreed further that he (witness) was not asked to express any opinion as to Mr Quie's mental state of any previous time, and that if he had been asked to express that opinion he would not have done so.

Mr Blair-Kerr: Could any psychiatrist express any opinion to the patient's state of mind, say, three or four months back?

Witness: Not without his case history.

If you did receive the case history and had the benefit of your own examinations as well, would you then express any opinion as to his mental state three or four months prior to the examination?—Yes, I might be able to.

Would you say you would be in as good a position to express an opinion on a person's mental state three or four months ago as the doctor who saw him at the material time?—No.

What then is the value of the evidence you gave: that on July 23, 1952, Mr Quie was found to be sane?—Just that. I examined him, and I could identify no evidence whatever of mental illness. And I was perfectly prepared and did in fact say that in my opinion he was perfectly sane and normal.

HISTORY A GUIDE

Dr Stungo went on to say that it would not matter what Mr Quie's previous history had been at all to him. At the time he examined him, he found him perfectly normal.

Mr Blair-Kerr: So that the history is no guide at all to one's condition?

Witness: It is a great guide. From one's clinical examination, one could reach a conclusion as to the person's state of mind. But it is much better to have all the man's history. The more information, the better. But it does not invalidate an opinion just because you have no previous history.

Which would you rather have? A patient with his history before you, or a patient without any history?—I would consider it an advantage to have as much information as possible.

Prof. McFadzean examined him (Mr Quie) on March 12. If I tell you he was of the opinion that he was of unsound mind after examining him and after looking through the man's history, what would you say to that?—If he reached that conclusion, it was his own affair. But from the evidence I heard as to the conduct of the examination, I would say the Professor was not entitled to reach that conclusion.

That is your opinion.—Yes.

INTERVIEWED SONS

Further questioned, witness said he interviewed three of Mr Quie's sons. He agreed he never interviewed Mrs Quie, Dr Dawson-Grove, Dr Yang or Nurse Luk. The three sons he spoke to were Malcolm, Joseph Jr, and Ronald.

Asked if he realised that two of the boys were not in Hongkong prior to Mr Quie's admission into the Mental Hospital, Dr Stungo replied he believed that was so.

DR TENNANT'S LETTER

Mr Blair-Kerr then turned to a letter by Dr Tennant of London, and referred to the expression used by him, "not certifiably of unsound mind". He asked witness if his contention was that this expression was equivalent to the expression "sane". Witness replied that to him it would mean "not insane" which in fact meant "sane".

Dr Stungo agreed that others might take the view that the expression meant a borderline case which was not certifiable as insane, but with some kind of mental disorder or illness.

Mr Blair-Kerr said that Dr Tennant spoke in his letter of refusing to make an affidavit that Mr Quie was "fit to resume control of his affairs" until he had seen the copy of some other document which he (Dr Tennant) called "the original affidavit".

Asked if he thought a psychiatrist would have acted in this way if he felt the patient was sane in every respect, witness said Dr Tennant's statement implied he was taking a guarded attitude.

'NOW IMPROVED'

Turning to another letter by Dr Tennant, to which was attached an affidavit, Senior Crown Counsel said that Dr Tennant said in it that he last examined Mr Quie on July 30, 1952, "with a view to ascertaining the state of his mind".

Mr Blair-Kerr: He says further that he was of the opinion that he (Mr Quie) "was now improved sufficiently to enable him to assume control of his affairs."

Witness: Yes.

From the little amount of information Dr Tennant had, three months later he is prepared to say Quie in his opinion was able to resume control of his affairs.—Yes.

Just something you would expect from a careful and distinguished psychiatrist examining a patient in London from the scanty information available.—Yes.

If that was so on July 30, how does that tally with your evidence that you saw nothing the matter with him, a week earlier?—There was nothing the matter with him.

COMPLETELY ALL RIGHT?

Can you say from the affidavit (Dr Tennant's) that this man (Mr Quie) was completely all right mentally?—Yes.

It is not abundantly clear, Dr Stungo, that the patient was showing improvement throughout the three months you and Dr Tennant saw him in London?—That was what Dr Tennant says. When I saw him, there was nothing the matter with him.

Your opinion that he was perfectly sane on July 23, 1952, is no help whatsoever to this Court, trying as it is to ascertain the true position on March 12 and March 30 of the same year.—I was not concerned with the examinations in March at all.

Dr Tennant was of the opinion that he (Mr Quie) had just crossed the borderline, and was just on the side of sanity.

That seems the commonsense view: and I look to you for guidance.—I don't take that view at all.

Turning to Dr Stungo's evidence-in-chief, Mr Blair-Kerr asked him if he had said that the word "maniacal" meant that a person was suffering from acute mania and was a "raving lunatic". Witness agreed he had said so.

THREE TYPES OF MANIA

Replying to a question, witness said there were three types of mania: hypo mania, mania and delirious mania. The term "mania" alone did not mean hypo mania.

Referring to a book on psychiatry, Mr Blair-Kerr said that it said that mania embraced all the different types of mania, and referred to the term "variety of mania" in the book.

Mr Blair-Kerr said his point was this: could the witness honestly disagree as a psychiatrist with the word "maniacal" as used by Prof. McFadzean when he intended using it as an adjective for the word "mania", which term included all types of mania?

Witness replied that he did not know what Prof. McFadzean had in mind, but that if the professor used the word "maniacal" then that term put the patient a long way beyond the hypomanic condition.

"It means a raving lunatic," he added.

The hearing is proceeding.

Army Wives Come To HK

About 90 Army wives, some accompanied by their children, arrived in the RMS Chusan this morning to join their husbands who are serving with the First Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

The main body of the Northamptonshire Regiment is due to arrive tomorrow in the troopship Asturia from Korea to join the garrison forces here. An advance party of the Regiment arrived several days ago.

Captain Awarded £4,000

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr Milmo submitted that Captain Hood could not be awarded damages in respect of the publication of the item in New Zealand newspapers for he had already recovered them.

No one suggested the Captain had done anything disreputable in connection with the voyage of the Capella or that he was not a man of completely unblemished reputation.

Mr Milmo emphasised that the Reuter message had said in nearly every sentence that it was what the Chinese Nationalist agency were saying. They did not vouch for its accuracy.

Summing up Mr Justice Finnemore said no one suggested there was any malice.

"CARELESS"

But it was said they were careless in not inquiring into what was said in the highly coloured report from the Chinese Nationalist news agency before sending out their message.

One obvious way of mitigating damages would be first to apologise and then try to put right what was wrong as soon as possible. Defendants had apparently done neither.

After an absence of 75 minutes the Jury found in favour of Captain Hood. They assessed the damages for publication in New Zealand of £500 and for the message to London newspapers at £3,500.

They added a rider suggesting that Reuters be asked to publish an apology which Lloyd's should be asked to publish in their list.

The Judge, at counsel's request, agreed to defer entering judgment till tomorrow.—Reuter.

THE CHUSAN ARRIVES

The P & O luxury liner Chusan arrived here this morning with some 700 passengers including about 250 tourists making a round-trip cruise to Japan.

Among the tourists from the United Kingdom were the Dowager Countess of Jellicoe, widow of the late Lord Jellicoe of Jutland fame of the First World War, and the Rt. Hon. Lord Rotherwick and Lady Rotherwick.

Lord Rotherwick, who was Colonel Herbert Robin Cayzer, is a brother of the Countess of Jellicoe, who was formerly Miss Florence Gwendoline Cayzer.

Lord Rotherwick, who is a shipping magnate, said this was the first time he has been to the Far East.

Also on a round-trip cruise to Japan was Lady E. S. Soertsz from Colombo.

The tourists will continue their cruise to Japan tomorrow afternoon.

Envoy To Korea Here

Mr A. C. Stewart, recently appointed British Minister to Korea, arrived here in the RMS Chusan this morning en route to take up his appointment.

Mr Stewart was Counsellor at the British Embassy in The Hague before his present appointment. He is succeeding Mr W. C. C. Graham who has been appointed Ambassador to Libya.

Mr Stewart entered the Foreign Service eight years ago and was Counsellor at the British Embassy in Djakarta before he went to The Hague.

Mr Stewart, who sails tomorrow, said his wife will probably join him in Seoul this May. He was met on arrival by Mr P.G.F. Dalton, Political Adviser to the Hongkong Government, and Mrs Dalton.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.00, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Patrice Munsel sings; 7.30, "Twenty Questions" from the Concert Hall of Radio Hong Kong. Question Master: Patrick Butler. The Team: Faith Butler, Dorothy Scales, John Little, Paddy Sheehan (Recorded); 8, Orchestra of the Week—Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra; 8.30, "More Tales from the Pacific Islands" by Sir Arthur Grimble (BBCTS) 'Arrests on Arorae'; 9, Time Signal, Piano Recital by Tong Yuen Chan (Concert Hall); 9.15, Wednesday Theatre, Peggy Ashcroft in "Romeo and Juliet" (Pt. 1); by William Shakespeare. Produced by Donald McWhinnie (BBCTS); 10.15, Mantovani and his Orch. play popular classics; 10.30, One Night Stand, Dutch Swing College Band; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

PEAK BURGLARY

The sum of $16,000 and some jewellery, was stolen from Mr C. Y. Kam of 4 Peak Road early this morning, when a burglar broke into his house.

No arrest has yet been made.

Death Of Old Resident

Mrs Margaret Ord Fox, an old resident of the Colony, passed away early this morning at the age of 80, at her residence, 63 Robinson Road.

Widow of the late Mr W. W. Fox, formerly of the Education Department, Mrs Fox is survived by a son, William; four daughters, Kitty, Anne, Ruby and Emily; two daughters-in-law, Rose and Constance; and four grandchildren, Leslie, Reginald, Eric, and Kathleen, who is in England.

The funeral will take place tomorrow. The cortege will leave the Hongkong Funeral Home at 4 p.m. for St Paul's Church, Glenealy, where a service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Colonial Cemetery, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

By Air

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Korea, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Outcry In Italian Parliament

Rome, Jan. 18.

Disturbances broke out in both houses of Parliament today when the neo-Fascist "Italian Social Movement" group made vain attempts to honour the memory of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, who died last week.

Noisiest protests at this suggestion came from the Communist benches and the Presidents of both houses barely managed to prevent a free-for-all fight.—France-Presse.

Star Pays Up $600 For Biting Dancer

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.

Film star Sonny Tufts, alleged in a lawsuit to have bitten dancer Marjorie Van on the thigh, has settled her claim for $26,000 damages with a payment of $600 about HK$3,000.

Judge Victor Hansen approved the settlement in the Los Angeles Superior Court yesterday.

Miss Van claimed the bite left a three-inch scar.—China Mail Special.

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